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THE PREFACE, TO THE READER.

JESUS CHRIST being both the Author and Foundation of the *Christian* Religion, they who believe in him, and build upon him as their Foundation and Rock, lay the Foundation of the Building so sure, that, as they abide thereon, neither the Winds nor Rains are able to overturn it; for it stands all Tempests.

It was upon this, that the Patriarchs, Prophets and Apostles were founded: And as he was their

Rock, ſo he was to all the People of the Lord, throughout their Generations; and *another Foundation can no Man lay, than that which is already laid.* It is here we may aſſure ourſelves to be ſafe, reſpecting our Salvation: And as we acknowledge no other Bottom for our Religion, neither do we look to have Salvation any other Way, than by Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, who gave himſelf a Ranſom for all. It hath been by Faith in him, and through the Work of his Grace in our Hearts, that many in our Day, as in Ages paſt, have had their Salvation ſealed unto them, that when their Death-bed Sickneſs has come, they have had Cauſe of Rejoicing, that *through Faith they had Witneſs that they had pleaſed God*; by whoſe Power they were enabled to *work out their Salvation with Fear and Trembling.*

And

And as they knew it had been the Lord, who had prepared them for his Kingdom, they have given him the Glory, as was their Duty; for, ſaith the Pſalmiſt, *All thy Works ſhall praiſe thee, O Lord, and thy Saints ſhall bleſs thee: They ſhall ſpeak of the Glory of thy Kingdom, and talk of thy Power, to make known to the Sons of Men his mighty Acts, and the glorious Majeſty of his Kingdom.*

Thus have many pious Souls entertained their Relations and Viſitors, with what may be properly called, *The Triumphant Songs of Salvation.* This hath much abated the Sorrow of their afflicted Kindred, and hath made ſome chuſe to be in the *Houſes of Mourning*, becauſe their Hearts have been overcome, in a Senſe of that Preſence and Power of God, which hath been felt on ſuch Occaſions. And here the Faith of

the *Living* hath been ſtrengthened by the Sayings of the *Dying*, who ſpeak of their own Experience in the Work of the Lord upon their Souls.

By all which it appears, that though theſe, whilſt they walked among Men, might be accounted by ſome not to be in the Way to Life; yet it is certain they were in the Path that leads to eternal Happineſs, and that they were ſeeking another Country, *to wit*, an *Heavenly*; and therefore God, even their God, hath prepared for them a City.

It was the Aſſurance many had of this in old Time, which made them valiant for Truth upon Earth, and emboldened them to bear the Reproaches and Perſecutions, which often befel them on the Account of their Teſtimony; concerning ſome of whom it is ſaid, *They accepted not*

of Deliverance, that they might obtain a better Resurrection. And others had Trial of cruel Mockings and Scourgings; yea, moreover, of Bonds and Imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the Sword; they wandered about in Sheep-skins and Goat-skins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented; of whom the World was not worthy.

Had not these had Regard to the Recompense of an eternal Reward, what else could have obliged them to undergo such Cruelties, not only to the Loss of Life, but also were deprived of the Comforts, which they otherwise might have shared amongst Men, in Things pertaining to this World; nay, it was the certain Hope they had of Heaven and eternal Life, which made them triumph over the exquisite Tortures of their Persecutors.

This plainly ſhews, that they ſuffered not out of an obſtinate Humour, as by ſome might be ſuggeſted; but becauſe they would not ſacrifice the Cauſe of their God, therefore they were ſacrificed. And when the Apoſtle had recited a few of the many Inſtances which had been, he aſſures us, that *all theſe had obtained a good Report through Faith.*

It was in this Faith that *Iſaac* bleſſed *Jacob* and *Eſau*, concerning Things to come. And *Jacob*, when he was a dying, in the Remembrance of the Lord's Appearance to him at *Luz*, and of the great Promiſes God made him there, that he bleſſed the two Sons of *Joſeph*.

It was in this Faith that he bleſs'd his own Sons, his Heart being opened in a prophetick Manner, he ſpoke to them ſeverally, and predicted what in after Times ſhould happen to their Tribes.

It was when this prophetick Spirit was upon him, that he ſpoke of the Coming of the *Meſſiah*, calling him *Shiloh*.

The *Dying Sayings* of this good old Man are a Monument of the continued and eſpecial Favour of the Lord to him: For, for ought that appears, he had a Sight of that at his Death, of which he had till then been ſilent all his Life. It was at this Time that he acknowledged, that *The Lord had fed him all his Life long, and the Angel had redeemed him from all Evil.* It was in the Senſe of this that he opened his Mouth, and bleſſed his Children.

And as for *Moſes*, the Servant of the Lord, who was faithful in all God's Houſe, he was a Man which neither the Preferment of the *Egyptian* Court, nor the Probability of wearing the Crown, could hinder him from either defending his Bre-

thren, or taking his Share in their Affliction. And this was not a Childiſh or an over-forward Choice in him, but doubtleſs was from a ſerious Conſideration, *as ſeeing him who is inviſible*; for we are expreſly told, that *When he was full forty Years old, it came into his Heart to viſit his Brethren, the Children of* Iſrael.

This Viſit of his to the *Hebrews* had ſuch a Conſequence, that he, who the other Day was a Prince, left his Greatneſs, and ſtooped ſo low as to become a Stranger and a Shepherd in the Land of *Midian*. And it was at this Employ the Lord appeared unto him in a Buſh, which burned and was not conſumed, and told him the End of his Appearance, and the Service which he ſhould now undertake for the Deliverance of the Children of *Iſrael*: After which Deliverance they became

came a Nation, and were a great People, to whom the Lord gave Laws and Ordinances, and gave them a Charge to *do* them.

I conceive it neither needful, nor expected, that a Recital of the many Laws delivered to that People ſhould be given here, only let it be obſerved, that they were obliged to continue in thoſe Commands to *do* them.

And amongſt the many Things *Iſrael* were expreſly forbid to do, there are ſome which in this Place, and on this Occaſion, I think proper to mention, *Lev.* xix. 28. *Ye ſhall not make any Cuttings in your Fleſh for the Dead, nor print any Marks upon you. I am the Lord.*

We are informed by Hiſtory, that ſuch Practices were in Uſe among the *Heathen* in their Funeral Rites, and leſt *Iſrael* ſhould follow theſe idolatrous Cuſtoms, *Moſes* gave them a ſtrict Charge *not to do them,*

them, (*Levit.* xix. 28. and *Deut.* xiv. 1.)

Thus we see the Care of the Lord over his chosen People, in prohibiting these, among other Things, that they might be holy to the Lord their God.

But from whence arose that Fashion of *wearing Mourning Habits*, whether at first among the *Jews* or *Gentiles*, I know not; but this I am assured of, That when *Moses*, the Servant of the Lord, died, though there was very great Mourning, we do not find that they *altered* their *Habit*; but that their Sorrow was expressed by their weeping and lamenting the Loss of so great a Prophet of the Lord. From whence I infer,

That whatever *Surprize* or *Sorrow* might seize the Minds of the *Living* for their *Dead*, it was to be contained

contained *within*, and no Marks or Tokens of it to be worn *without*.

This ſeems agreeable to that Practice which the Spirit of Truth led our Foreſathers into, when they were called out of the World's Ways and vain Faſhions; of which this of wearing *Mourning Cloaths*, was one which they comply'd not with, as knowing, that that divine Principle the Lord had placed in them, required a Conformity to his Will in all Things, a thorough Reformation of, and Diſuſe of all vain Cuſtoms, ſince they were not to *faſhion themſelves according to their former Luſts in their Ignorance*, &c. as ſaid the Apoſtle *Peter*.

May theſe Things, which were of old prohibited the People of the Lord, be remembred in theſe Days, that none of us do any Thing on ſuch Occaſions, as may be in any Senſe render'd, *printing Marks* upon

us,

us, or rather *disguizing* ourselves for the *Dead*.

Now, because that some among us have, and are creeping into a sort of *Mourning-habit*, (a Thing contrary to our antient Practice) I am at this Time concerned to testify against it; for whatever was the Practice of other People in this Respect, when our Forefathers in the Truth came forth, we find they were kept out of it, and walked in their plain simple Way, without mixing with the Ways of the World; not but they might be accounted *singular*, for avoiding the Modes of their Neighbours; yet it is recorded, that no such Practice, as that called *wearing of Mourning*, was amongst us in the Year 1694, as in *Rise and Progress*, pag. 56, *viz.* "Neither do the Kindred of "the Deceased ever wear *Mourn-* "*ing*, they looking upon it as a

"*worldly*

" *worldly Ceremony* and *piece of*
" *Pomp*; and that what *Mourning*
" is fit for a *Chriſtian* to have at
" the Departure of a beloved Re-
" lation or Friend, ſhould be *worn*
" *in the Mind*, which is only ſen-
" ſible of the Loſs."

I cannot inform the Reader when this Practice firſt began, and am alſo ignorant by whom it was at firſt introduced in our Society; but this I may ſay, it is not agreeable to that ſelf-denying Principle we profeſs, neither is there the leaſt Shadow of Preſident for it in the *New Teſtament*. And therefore, according to the Words of the Apoſtle *Peter* in another Caſe, *Let the Time paſt ſuffice, wherein ye have wrought the Will of the* Gentiles. I ſay, *Let us caſt off, concerning the former Converſation, the old Man, which is corrupt, according to the deceitful Luſts,*

Luſts, and be renewed in the Spirit of your Mind.

Though I ſpeak thus as to this particular, none, I hope, will count me as an Enemy, for I deliver it as a *Brotherly Caution*; and the rather, becauſe I apprehend it to be a ſpreading Evil amongſt many, for mine Eye hath affected my Heart in this Matter, as well as in ſome other Things, as *Pride*, and an *undue Liberty* that ſome take; which, as well as the other, are a Reproach to our Society.

All theſe Things have repeatedly been teſtified againſt, not only by ſome ſingle Perſons, but in a more general way.

I am at this preſent, writing under a *Chriſtian* Concern for the Church of our God. That ſhe may be *holy in all Things relating to Life and Godlineſs, that no Spot or Wrinkle may be upon her*: For

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ſo it behoveth the People of Chriſt to be; and they who really are his, have *Crucified the Fleſh, with the Affections and Luſts.*

If it be aſked, *How have theſe attained to this good State?* it may truly be anſwered, *Through Faith in Jeſus Chriſt*: For as they came to believe in him, they ſaw it was abſolutely needful for them to *obey the Diſcoveries of his Light in their Hearts*; and by being faithful unto that, they came to a *Senſe* of their Sins: This *Senſe* begat a godly Sorrow, and this Sorrow wrought them into *Repentance never to be repented of.*

Theſe were the Steps they trod in the Way of their Converſion; this was a Time when they ſowed in Tears; they wept, they mourned, and made Supplication to the Lord, that he would *remember Mercy in the Midſt of Judgment.* Oh! then the

the everlasting Arms were underneath, by which they were borne up, that they sunk not in the Floods of their spiritual Afflictions; for, though the Lord had laid his Hand upon them, by which they were brought very low; yet he who had thus slain them, that they might know Sin slain, was pleased again to revive and make them alive.

And as thus Sin and the evil Conversation came to be mortified through the Spirit, the *new Life* sprang up from that *heavenly Seed* God had placed in them; many of whom, after they had known the Terrors of the Lord in themselves, by which they were warned, were constrained in the Love of God to warn others to *flee from the Wrath to come*, and no longer to content themselves with the Thoughts, *that as they are in the outward Profession*

of

of Jesus Christ, therefore that would save them; for they must also know and experience, as they had done, *the Work of Christ within them*, to prepare them to bring forth Fruits *meet for Repentance*, as the only Way of their Conversion and Salvation.

Some received this Advice, and clave unto this Doctrine, which had proved effectual to many; but others have mocked, not unlike the *Epicurian* and *Stoic* Philosophers, who encountered the Apostle *Paul*, because he preached unto them *Jesus and the Resurrection*. Like these many have slighted the Gospel of Salvation, and evilly intreated those who brought the glad Tidings of *Grace*, *Peace* and *Pardon* through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, since the Testimonies of the *Living* have not had place in the Hearts of some, may the Words

Words of the *Dying* effect what the other have not: And if ſuch experimental Relations, as ſeveral of the Children of the Lord have given, of the Aſſurances they have had of their Salvation in their laſt Hours of Life, are not Arguments and Perſwaſions ſtrong enough to provoke the Living to a timely Preparation for their latter End, I know of none that will; ſince they ſpake from a certain Senſe of their States at that important Moment, which how ſoon any of us may arrive to, is generally hid from our Eyes. And ſince we are aſſured, that God hath appointed a Day, wherein he will *judge the World in Righteouſneſs*, may Mens *Fruits be unto Holineſs, that their End may be everlaſting Life*; as it is not doubted is the Portion of theſe in the following Treatiſe.

Should

Should the Way and Call to Repentance and Converſion be wholly neglected by any in this ſhort Space of Life, which ſhould be ſpent to the Glory of God alone, in obeying his righteous Laws, how dreadful are the States of thoſe! There is no retrieving Time in the Grave, they fall into the Gulph of Miſery; and in this Condition they have no Intercourſe with us, nor have we any Intelligence or Warning from them: The ardent Requeſt of the rich Man, in the Parable of *ſending one from the Dead to warn his Brethren, leſt they ſhould come into the Place of Torment with him*, was refuſed him for this Reaſon, *that ſeeing they had* Moſes *and the Prophets, if they would not hear them, neither would they, if one ſhoul riſe from the Dead.* Alſo by this may be learned, that Men are not to expect *Miracles*, when

when other ſufficient Means are afforded.

And therefore, ſeeing that in theſe latter Days, the Lord, *who in Times paſt ſpoke unto the Fathers by the Prophets, doth ſpeak unto us by his Son*, whom he hath raiſed from the Dead, and ſent by his Grace to us: Let all thereby be turned away from their Iniquities, and ſerve the Lord in Reverence and Fear; which they do, who have received that Diſpenſation or Kingdom that cannot be moved, and are reſolved ſo to walk, paſſing their Sojourning here in Fear, counting the Price great which was offered for their Redemption. And as through Faith they have laid hold on Jeſus Chriſt the Lord, they are perſwaded that nothing ſhall be able to ſeparate them from the Love of God which they have in him. And as Men are guided with the Counſel of the

Lord,

Lord, in their Pilgrimage on Earth, to order themselves to his Honour; such, when they go hence, will be received unto Glory.

Now, since it is hither the Grace of God hath led many, let none be so unwise for themselves, as either not to receive it, or afterwards to turn from it; for it was through the Operation of this Grace, that many of old were saved from the Evils of this present World; as Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ, not a few in our Day have attained to the like Experience, as they came to Repentance towards God, and Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ: For it is he who washes his Servants from their Sins, and saves them with an eternal Salvation. Blessed therefore are they who are sincerely concerned to know the *new Birth*, which is to be born from above, that they may inherit the Kingdom

of

of Heaven: But, alas! though Heaven be desired by many, how few of the Sons of Men are willing to walk in the Way that leads unto it? No, no; they are for an easy Path, in which they may live unto themselves; they like not the *Cross*, tho' they would have the *Crown*. Oh! how are many spending their Time in Vanity! Some in a voluptuous Course of Life, feeding themselves without Fear; others take excessive Pains in attiring their Bodies with their changeable Suits of Apparel, to the Dishonour of the Lord; nay, to such a Pitch of Excess are many come, that as one saith, in a Discourse of this Subject, relating to Superfluity of *Cloathing*, "Here "is the End, *saith he*, of all their "Fashions and Recreations, to gra-"tify the *Lust of the Eye*, *the Lust* "*of the Flesh*, *and the Pride of* "*Life*: Cloaths, that were given

"to

to *cover Shame*, now I want a "Covering for their shameful Excesses; and that which should "remember Men of *loſt Innocency*, "they *pride* and *glory* in." *No Croſs, No Crown*, pag. 260.

Yet, although it be thus with many of the Children of Men, that they ſpend much Treaſure and Time in decking theſe Houſes of Clay, &c. let them know, *that for all theſe Things they muſt be brought into Judgment.*

Time here would fail me, to treat particularly concerning the *Extravagancies*, in manifold Reſpects, into which ſome are fallen, to their own Hurt and Grief of many: But I cannot here forget, *that there is Forgiveneſs with the Lord that he may be feared.* And he calls to the backſliding Children, to return unto him, that he may *heal them.*

This I write, that all to whom my Caution is of need, may hasten to the Lord in Humiliation and Contrition, and he will yet help them to *redeem the Time*; which, that they may, wisheth and prayeth their Friend, who is concerned for the Sake of *Zion, that her Wilderness may become like* Eden, *and her Desert like the Garden of the Lord; that Joy and Gladness may more and more be found in her, Thanksgiving and the Voice of Melody.*

The Tenth Month, 1716.

T. RAYLTON.

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The FIFTH PART.

WILLIAM *Briggins*, of *London*, was convinced of the blessed Truth about the Year 1671, the Manner whereof was as followeth:

He frequented the *Presbyterian* Meetings before, and about that Time Dissenters were persecuted, and the Informers and Officers came to their Meeting where he was. Their Preacher slipt away by a private Door; and he, as well as other Hearers, made the best of his Way to escape.

Then it came in his Mind to go and see how it fared with the *Quakers*; so he went to their Meeting in *Grace-church-*

ſtreet, and got as much out of Sight as he could, for fear of being ſeen. There *William Bailey* was declaring, and after a little Time came a Mob and Informers, with a Band of Soldiers: Theſe ruſhed into the Meeting, and he expected the Preacher to ſlip away, as the other had done; but, to his great Surprize, went on preaching, till they had haled him away into the Yard, and had him to their Guard.

After they had carried him away, another Friend ſtood up and preached; and they returning, took him away alſo. And at this Time it opened in his Mind, that *it was the Truth they declared*, and that *they knew that That was worth ſuffering for*. And between that Time, and the Year 1685, he met with great Sufferings and Loſs of Goods, for his peaceable frequenting Meetings to worſhip the Lord; and was twice a Priſoner, in the *Counter* and in *Newgate*, many Months at a Time; and by reaſon of his ſtrait Confinement in Priſons, he was much impaired in his Health, grew weakly and ſickned: And altho' his Pains were great, yet, as he ſaid, *his*

his Eye was to the Lord; and often declared, *that the Lord had been good to him, from his Youth unto that Day*; and praised him, *that he was pleased to reveal the Knowledge of his Son, our Lord and Saviour, unto him*; and that *through the Assistance thereof, he was directed to do unto all Mankind, as he would have others do unto him.*

He advised all, *that they be faithful to the Lord*; *and though they had received but little, yet in the good Improvement thereof, he would give them more Talents.* And above all Things, cautioned, *to keep above, and out of the Incumbrances of this World*; *and that we assist the Poor and Needy, and administer of our Abundance in this World, to help them in their Necessity*; *and in whatsoever Condition the Lord is pleased to suffer to come on us, we ought to be content*; and as he said, *he had been an Experiencer of, both in and out of Prison, in Sickness and in Health*: And he witnessed that Saying of the Prophet *Isaiah*, Ch. xxvi. Ver. 3, 4, fulfilled, *Thou wilt keep him in perfect Peace, whose Mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord for*

ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting Strength. And that *if at any Time we should be in Distress, either inward or outward, if our Dependance and Eye were to the Lord, and with an upright Heart patiently wait on him, he in his own due Time will work Deliverance,* as he said, *I have experienced many a Time.*

This was it that rejoiced his Heart, and made him both willing and ready to suffer whatever the Lord saw meet for him. And tho' Weakness of Body encreased, he felt the Spirit of the Lord to lift up his Standard, to which he retired, and was strengthened in his inward Man. And a little before he departed, he sounded forth a pleasant Harmony, which made all in the Room admire. He after some Time said, *Lift me up,* and then he uttered many heavenly Expressions, concerning his Assurance of Rest and Peace with the Lord; for he said, *in this last Agony Death hath been hard, and done his worst,* and that he then felt the living Power of the Lord, which was above Death, and praised the Lord he had gotten the Victory, saying, *It's recorded in the*

Scripture, some Mens Sins go beforehand to Judgment, and some follow after; but through the great Mercy of God, I have witneſſed mine to go before, and have nothing to do but to die.

He adviſed all to keep to Meetings, and watch over their Words and Actions, and have their Dependance and Reliance on God, and they ſhould find him *a preſent Help in the Time of Need.*

Then he called all in the Room by their Names, and deſired *that the Lord might direct them, and keep them all in Faithfulneſs to him*; and that they might experience that Scripture fulfilled, *It's ſhewn unto thee, O Man, what is good, and what the Lord requireth of thee, to do juſtly, love Mercy, and walk humbly with the Lord thy God*; and *to viſit the Fatherleſs in their Afflictions, and to keep unſpotted from the World.*

He was kept in his Senſes to the very laſt, and after he had ſpoke much, he was faint, and called for ſomething to take; and bidding all preſent *Farewel*, he laid down his Head on his Pillow, and in about an Hour after departed this Life in much Stillneſs, the

27th of the Fifth Month, 1688, in the 60th Year of his Age.

Elizabeth, Wife of *William Markes*, of *North-Crowley* in *Buckinghamshire*, was taken ill with a *Fever* about the 11th of the Seventh Month 1703, with great Pain, which she bore with much Patience: Which was a Virtue she was indued with from her Childhood. In the Time of her Health she often desir'd, that the Lord would be pleased to give her a little Time of Retirement before her Death.

She took Notice in her Weakness of her Petition being granted, and gave Praises to the Lord for his gentle Visitations and fatherly Care over her.

One of her Servants standing by, who was helpful to her in her Weakness, she took by the Hand, and in great Zeal said unto her, *Ah, poor Lass! In thy Health and Strength remember this Day*; meaning the Day of her Death. She also desired her Burial should be plain, and no Superfluity on her Coffin.

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She would have her Family called into her Chamber ſeveral Times during her Weakneſs, and prayed very fervent.

A few Days before her Departure, being very weak in Body, ſhe deſired to be ſet up in her Bed, and the Lord opened her Mouth in Praiſes to himſelf, ſaying, *God is good to Iſrael, and to all that are of an upright Heart: Oh! Praiſes, Praiſes, everlaſting Praiſes, and Hallelujah be given to Iſrael's God, for he is worthy of Praiſes. Oh Lord, I pray, if it be thy bleſſed Will, preſerve my tender Off-ſpring, that they may be a ſucceeding Generation to ſerve thee and thy bleſſed Truth. And if it be thy bleſſed Will to raiſe me from this ſick Bed, I ſhall be content; but not my Will, but thy holy Will be done, I freely ſubmit unto thee.*

She often lifted up her dying Hands with inward Hymns of Praiſes, when her Strength failed to utter Words: So laid down her Head in Peace with the Lord, the 29th of the Seventh Month 1703.

Barbara

Barbara Bevan, Daughter of *John Bevan*, of *Trevrygg* in *Wales*, was an honeſt, ſober, virtuous young Woman, zealous for the holy Name and Truth of God, and greatly deſired and travelled for the Exaltation and Spreading thereof, labouring that all might come to love and live therein, and order their Lives and Converſations by it, which ſhe came to know and experience in her own Heart, by the divine Power of God: For though ſhe was before ſoberly educated by her Parents, and when ſhe was but ſix Years of Age, diligently kept to Friends Meetings, and was dutiful to her Parents, loving to her Relations and Neighbours, and for her orderly Behaviour in Meetings, well beloved by the Faithful that were acquainted with her; yet as ſhe grew up, the Enemy laboured very often to draw her Mind to delight in vain Objects, and at Times prevailed, to her great Grief and Exerciſe of Mind; but after it pleaſed the Lord to viſit her with Sickneſs of Body, when about ſixteen

Sixteen Years of Age, and to shew her State and Condition unto her, and let her see, as she afterwards declared, that *the Form of Truth, and the Profession of it only, would not satisfy without Possession*; and that *she had great Need of a Saviour*; and that *the Pleasures and Delights here below, were but as Dross and Dung, in Comparison of God's Salvation and Life-giving Presence*; and that *there was but one Way to obtain it, and that is*, as she said, *by giving up in Obedience to the Lord, that he might work and operate in her Heart*, who had many Times begat Desires and Breathings in her Soul after him.

So she came to receive a Dispensation of the Gospel, about the sixteenth Year of her Age, and she travelled in the Work of the Ministry, and was concerned to visit Friends in *West-Jersey*, and some Parts of *East Jersey*, and her Service she zealously performed, being concerned for the Honour of God, and her Labour was acceptable, and well received.

She after returned with her Father into *Wales*, and though she was weak

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in Body, in the Year 1704 she travelled in *North* and *South-Wales*, about six Hundred Miles, and her Service and Labour of Love was well received and effectual to many.

She was sound in Doctrine, and the Savour of Life attended her Declaration, and she was a good Pattern and Example in her Conversation amongst those she conversed with; and at Monthly-meetings she exhorted Friends to be faithful in their Testimony against Tithes, and to keep clear of the World's Spirit, and Fashions thereof.

After she sickned she had some Meetings in the Family where she was, and earnestly exhorted to *beware of an easy State and lukewarm Condition*; and admonished to *wait often upon the Lord, that they might get something in store against a trying Time.*

She was sensible her Time here was not to be long, and declared, *she was not afraid to die.* And seeing some of her Relations weep, she said, *Why weep ye on such an Occasion?* The Day before she departed, she spoke in like manner to her Father, Mother and Relations

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then about her, *I love you all, and have a Love to the Family.*

She had an eaſy Paſſage, and departed this Life the Seventh-day in the Evening, being the 26th of the Eleventh Month 1705; and on the 28th of the ſame Month, her Body was accompanied by Relations, Friends and Neighbours, to the Meeting-houſe at *Trevethyg*, where there was a good Meeting, to the Satisfaction and Comfort of many then gathered, and after Meeting ſhe was buried.

Aged about 23 } Years,
A Miniſter about 7 }

William Kirton, Son of *Richard* and *Sarah Kirton*, of *Weſt-Town*, in the Pariſh of *Kenſington*, near *London*, *Middleſex*, aged about twenty two Years, was carefully educated by his Parents in the *Chriſtian* Religion, and holy Profeſſion thereof. He was from a Child dutiful to his Parents, and tenderly affectionate to them, and to his Brothers and Siſters. And being well-

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inclined when he went to School, gave his Brothers and School-fellows good Advice, and was exemplary in his ſolid, ſedate, and wiſe Deportment, which alſo was tempered with much Sweetneſs, that he was well beloved, both at School and in the Family at Home; and as he grew in Years, he grew in Grace.

He was afflicted before his Sickneſs with much Pain, which he bore with abundance of Patience; and in his Sickneſs he would often ſay, *It's a hard rough Way that I tread, the Lord ſupport me, and keep me, that I may not tread, nor ſtep aſide, but be preſerved to the End*; and often ſaid, *Oh! when ſhall I go to reſt, on t'other ſide, or beyond all Pains and Troubles? But, Lord, let it be thy Time, and be pleaſed to give me Patience.*

Afterwards he ſaid, *I am bound for Heaven, I am for Eternity.*

Again, his Brothers and Siſters ſtanding by, he ſaid to them, *I beg of you, be dutiful to our dear Parents; you can't do too much for them: If I were to live, I ſhould think it my Duty to ſerve them.*

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And to thee, Brother Benjamin, *my Standing is on slippery Places; have a Care and live well, that thou mayst die well and come to me.* And said often to his Brother and Sister, *Live every Day as if it were your last Day.*

On the Day he died, he said to his Mother, and Aunt *Damaris Kirton*, *sit close to me, and I will keep close to the Lord. Methinks I see the Lord coming to call me this Day, or to send the Angel of his Presence; and I am ready to meet him.* Afterwards he said, *How gloriously the outward Sun doth shine; so doth the Sun of Righteousness shine upon my Soul this Day.*

A while after he asked, if it rained? and it was told him, it did; then after a Pause, he said, *'Tis a mollifying Day, the Lord mollify and tender all our Hearts and Spirits.* Then, after a Time of Stillness, he said to his Aunt *Damaris*, afore-named, *I have something to say, but my Breath is very short*, and desired of the Lord to give him Breath that he might speak, and in a little Time he was answered, and the Lord opened his Mouth in a wonderful Manner to those that were about him; he particularly

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larly directed himself to the Youth, and expreſt a great Concern that the *young Generation that were coming up, might remember their Creator in the Days of their Youth*, &c. which, with the living Preſence of the Lord, that was then felt, ſo tendered the Hearts of all preſent, that there was ſcarce a dry Eye; but his excellent Exhortation was not taken *verbatim*, ſo is here omitted.

He concluded with a fervent Prayer to the Lord, and fell aſleep in the Lord the 9d of the Ninth Month 1706, and his Corps was buried in Friends Burying-ground in *Hammerſmith*, in *Middleſex*, the 7th of the ſame: And as he was well beloved and eſteemed, he was accompanied with many Friends and Neighbours, he having ſaid, *I do not care how much Company is at my Burial; for I believe the Lord will meet with them*: And ſo the Lord was pleaſed to appear in that Solemnity, bleſſed be his holy Name for ever.

Precious in the Sight of the Lord is the Death of his Saints, Pſal. cxvi. 15.

Mariabella

MAriabella, Wife of *Thomas Farmborough*, was convinced of the bleſſed Truth about the Year 1670, at a Meeting of Friends, when they met in the Streets, being kept out of their Meeting-houſes; tho' for many Years before, ſhe was for hearing ſuch as ſhe believ'd, *preach'd and declar'd through their own Experience of what the Lord had done for them and in them.*

After her Convincement ſhe received a Teſtimony, for the Sake whereof ſhe ſuffer'd divers Impriſonments in *Newgate*, the *Counter* and *Bridewell* in *London*; and alſo in *Newgate* and *Bridewell* in the City of *Briſtol*.

She was a tender ſerviceable Woman, and was inſtrumental in the Hand of the Lord, by the Teſtimony he gave her to bear for his Name and Truth, to turn People from Darkneſs to Light.

She was remarkable for going early to Meetings, and uſed to ſay, *ſhe loved to be one of the two or three early at Meetings.* And though in her old Age ſhe was afflicted with Lameneſs and Weakneſs

ness of Body; yet she was loth to miss Meetings, tho' she could not go without Help; and when she came from thence would say, *she found herself much better than when she went.*

She lived an innocent Life, and was very serviceable with our dear Friend *Mary Elson*, and other ancient Friends, in visiting Friends, and encouraging them to their Duty, in going to Meetings for Worship, and also to those appointed for taking Care of our Poor and Distressed.

A little Time before her Departure she said, *her Days Work was done*, and that she could say, *she had not overdone, neither left undone what God required of her, according to the best of her Knowledge.* She quietly departed this Life, the 3d of the First Month 1708, in the eighty third Year of her Age.

JOshua Holme, Son of *Thomas Holme* and *Jennet* his Wife, of *Flookburgh* in *Cartmel*, *Lancashire*, was born in the Year 1684, and educated in the true *Christian* Religion, and Way of Truth

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profeſſed by the People called *Quakers*. In his Childhood and tender Years he came to have ſome Experience of the Work of the Lord in his Soul; and as he humbly waited upon God in his holy Fear, and was exerciſed in frequent Prayer unto him in his Spirit, he increaſed in *Chriſtian* Experience: And being faithful to the Diſcoveries of the holy Spirit, he was made more and more a Partaker of his great Love and Goodneſs.

In the Third Month 1709, he was taken with a *Fever*, which for two Weeks was pretty moderate, but afterwards grew more ſharp; and as his Bodily Affliction increas'd, ſuch was the Aſſiſtance of the Spirit of God, that he grew more and more a Partaker of its Comforts; and influenced by this heavenly Life, he uttered many ſavoury Expreſſions, to the Satisfaction, and greatly tendering of the Hearts of thoſe preſent, though ſeveral of them were not of the ſame Profeſſion. *I have had many hard Nights*, ſaid he, *but I have been comforted, for God hath appeared unto me above whatever I could think*;

think; with more Words to this Effect, for which he returned Praises to the Lord.

The Evening following he supplicated the Lord, saying, *O Saviour of Souls! O Saviour of Souls! have Pity of my Soul; for terrible, terrible, O Lord God, art thou to the Wicked*:—and continued supplicating the Lord for a considerable Time.

When his Doctor told him, there was hope of Life, but he might prepare for Death, he reply'd, *I have done that long since.* Some of his Friends coming to visit him, he said to them, *When I was working with the Apprentices and Workmen in the Shop, I was often under great Exercise of Mind, which occasion'd me many Times to walk into the Garden and Fields in the Evening Tide, and there to pour forth my Supplications unto the Lord; and at such Times I had a Sense of the Goodness of the Lord, which did strengthen me, and help me over the Temptations of the Enemy. I have kept also to my Exercise in Meetings, which is now my Comfort; but what will become of those who do not keep to their Exercise in Meetings?*

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And when he had given this Relation, he said to them, *If this be the last Opportunity I should have with you, I am well satisfied*; and so concluded in thankful Acknowledgements to the Lord.

Another Time his Mother said to him, *I am afraid thou will die, and we are sorry to part with thee.* He reply'd, *Very like; so am I with you: But if it please God it must be so, do not murmur, for we must all be separated.* Another Time he said, *What will become of those who go to Meetings, and neglect their Duty in waiting upon God in the Meeting-time, for many of our young People do not walk up according to Truth. Ah! it's Heart-work that God accepts of: Praises to God for ever.*

Adding, *I think I may not live long; but I have taken heed to my Ways, which is my own now.—I am sealed, I am sealed to the Day of Redemption; I am satisfied of it.* After some Time returning Praises to God, saying, O *Lord God, thou hast been bountiful to my Soul*; he went on, *I have been low, tender and humble, and that is my Comfort now; for I have*

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that in my Heart which doth burn against Sin and Wickedness.

The Day before he died he spoke of many excellent Things for about an Hour, which were not noted, except this Saying, *Be prepared, be prepared for your Latter-end*; which had a sensible Effect upon the Persons present, as being serious Advice from the Mouth of a dying Man, who had witness'd the greatest Satisfaction of a sick Bed, of being ready for his Change, assur'd of an eternal State of Glory; without which Assurance all must needs be in a dreadful Apprehension of everlasting Misery in their last and most important Moments here.

He died the 27th of the Third Month 1709, and was buried the 29th of the same, at the *Height* in *Cartmel*. Aged 25 Years.

THomas *Wilson*, late of *Kendal*, Son of *John* and *Elizabeth Wilson*, of *Coldbeck* in *Cumberland*, was born in the Year 1670, and educated by his Parents in the Way of Truth. And about

about the Year 1701, the Lord called him to the Work of the Miniſtry, and raiſed him up in a publick Teſtimony, which he faithfully bore by the Ability given him of God, being truly concerned for *Sion*'s Welfare, that all who were convinced of the bleſſed Truth, might grow in the Enjoyment of it; that by the Power thereof they might be enabled to ſtand in a trying Day.

He travelled very much in the Service of Truth, viſiting Friends in many Parts. In the Year 1702 he went in the Work of the Miniſtry into *Northumberland* and *Scotland*. In 1703, he laboured in the ſame Work in *Weſtmorland*, *Yorkſhire*, *Lancaſhire*, and *Cheſhire*. In 1704, he removed out of *Cumberland*, to *Kendal* in *Weſtmorland*. In 1705, he went into *Ireland*, to preach the Word of Life and Goſpel of Peace, and in the *South* and *Weſt* Parts of *England*, travelling about eleven Months. In 1706, he viſited Friends in their Meetings in *Cumberland*, *Scotland*, *Northumberland*, *Durham*, and ſome Parts of *Yorkſhire*. In 1707, he laboured in that Service amongſt Friends

in *Lancashire*, *Cheshire*, *Worcestershire*, *Gloucestershire*, *Bristol*, *London*, and several other Parts of this Nation. In 1708, he travelled again into *Lancashire*, *Cheshire*, *Wales*, *Herefordshire*, *Gloucestershire*, *Bristol*, *Somersetshire*, *Devonshire* and *Cornwal*, returning through *Dorsetshire* and *Hampshire* to *London*, and then homewards. In about a Month's Time after he got Home, he began to be out of Health, being about the 11th of the Fourth Month 1709.

He bore his Sickness with much Patience, and desir'd to be quiet and inwardly retired, being wholly resigned up unto the Lord, either to live or die; and was also very thankful to God, for his heavenly Visitation in the Time of bodily Weakness, expressing himself thus: *O Lord, in thy great Love and Mercy, thou hast given me Victory over the Enemy's Power, and by thy powerful Hand heavest up my Spirit, and makest my Soul triumph over Hell, Death and the Grave.* Several Friends coming to visit him, he said, *Peace with the Lord in a dying Hour is better than all this World; it's Gladness to me to think I must die, being fully satis-*

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field it will be abundantly more Gain to me to die than to live. But he lamented the Condition of those who spend their Time negligently, and in Forgetfulness of God, saying, *A woeful Portion they will meet with at one Day:* And therefore he fervently exhorted to more Diligence, warning them to prize Time, and be more careful for Time to come; and his Expressions being seasoned with the Grace of God, they overcame and melted several Friends into Tenderness, and they were greatly comforted and refreshed by his Words.

The Day before his Departure he said, *I desire that Friends may grow in the Truth: Oh! the heavenly Life in the Truth is glorious, to feel it spring and run amongst God's People.—I now remember* Scotland, Ireland *and* England; *Oh! the precious Times I have had in these three Nations! How the Life and Power of God's Word hath filled me amongst the Assemblies of the People of God!*—Then he prayed to the Lord, that he would *preserve all his Servants in the Spring of Life*, and said to those present, *Keep down to the Root*

of Life in yourſelves, for I feel at this Time Conſolation in the Power of God.

And being ſenſible his Time here was ſhort, he deſired to ſee ſeveral Friends who lived near before he dy'd, and at his Requeſt they were ſent for; to whom he declared how deſirous he was to ſee them, and told them, *he ſent for them to take his laſt Leave of them before he died*; and ſpoke ſeverally to many of their States and Conditions, and often adviſed Friends to keep their Minds out of the World, many Times ſaying, *This World, this World hinders the Growth of the Seed of God in the Hearts of many.*—He earneſtly deſired to have his dear Love remembred to Friends, ſaying, *his dear Love in Jeſus Chriſt was to all the Faithful.*

He was very much filled with the Senſe of the Lord's Goodneſs, and his Spirit was raiſed above his bodily Weakneſs: And in this heavenly Frame of Mind, he fervently prayed for the Preſervation and Proſperity of the Church of Chriſt in general, and particularly for the Meeting he then belonged to; and after ſome Time ſpent

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in Prayer and Praiſes to the Lord, having deliver'd moſt of what was in his Mind by way of Advice to Friends, to be *faithful* and *watchful*, he ſaid, *what he had to ſay he had ſaid, ſave one Thing*; and that was as followeth, *I believe a trying Day will come, that will try the Foundations of People*; *and I exhort you* (*i. e.* thoſe preſent) *to get down to Truth in yourſelves, where you may be able to ſtand*; *for in the Day of Trial none will be able to ſtand, ſave thoſe that have their Rooting in the Truth*: For that it would be *ſhort* and *ſharp*; and then pray'd that Friends might be able to ſtand in that Day, ſaying, *God will be with all them that fear him. As for me, I am ready, and wait to be diſſolved, that I may be with Chriſt for ever*: And clos'd his ſolid and prophetical Expreſſions with this ſerious Admonition, *Friends, I deſire you to remember what I have ſaid, and mind them as they are the Words of a dying Man*; concluding with *Now Friends you may take your Time*. And then turning himſelf from them, he ſaid, *Now, Lord, I will wait for my Change, be it longer or ſhorter*; and lay ſtill and quiet the remainder of

that Night and the next Day, 'till about two or three Hours before his Departure, which was the 15th of the Fourth Month 1709, in Peace, and finished his Course with Joy, being sensible of the Love of God to his Soul, and having Assurance of that eternal Inheritance which will never fade away.

He was buried the 17th of the Fourth Month 1709, in Friends Burial-ground in *Kendal*.

Aged about 39 } Years.
A Minister about 8 }

EDward *Wilson*, belonging to *Grayrigg* Meeting, was convinced of the blessed Truth in early Days, about the Year 1655, and some few Years after did appear in a publick Testimony among Friends; though not in many Words, yet in much Innocency and Brokenness of Heart. A Man of a meek and quiet Spirit, and was of good Esteem amongst Friends, as also among his Neighbours. He was very serviceable in entertaining Friends with a free and open Heart.

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In the Sixth Month 1709, it pleased the Lord to visit him with Sickness of Body, by which he was taken off. On his Death-bed he often expressed the Peace and Satisfaction that he met with from the Lord, as also his Willingness to leave this World: And so dyed in Peace with the Lord, and in Assurance of eternal Life, the 5th of the Seventh Month 1709, and was buried in Friends Burying-ground in *Lambrig*, the 7th of the same, being about 68 Years of Age.

MArgaret, the Wife of *John Lancaster*, of *Thorncroft*, near *Great Strickland*, in *Westmorland*, was born in the Year 1698, and was convinced of the blessed Truth about the Year 1697; and in the Year 1701 she appeared in a publick Testimony amongst Friends.

In the Eighth Month 1708, it pleased the Lord to visit her with Sickness, of which she did not recover. And altho her Pain and Exercise of Body was for a long Time very great, yet she was enabled to endure it with much Patience,

and preſerved very ſenſible unto the laſt. She often deſired of the Lord, and prayed unto him, *that he would enable her to bear with Patience what he was pleaſed to lay upon her.* And towards the latter End of her Illneſs, ſhe oft expreſſed how glad ſhe was, that the Concluſion of her Time in this World was ſo near, becauſe ſhe had a full Aſſurance of Peace and Reſt in the Kingdom of Glory with the Lord her Saviour and Redeemer, when Time to her in this World ſhould be no more.

She called her Huſband and Family to take her Leave of them, and being filled with Life, ſhe gave good Advice to them all, in a ſweet and tender Frame of Spirit, and told thoſe preſent, the *great Gain it would be to love and fear God above all*: Then ſhe ſaid, *Now I expect to be diſſolved, and ſee you no more.* So did this Handmaid of the Lord ſweetly finiſh her Days, the 14th of the Seventh Month 1709, and was buried the 16th of the ſame in Friends Burying-ground at *Newby-head.*

Aged about 51 } Years.
A Miniſter 8 }

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GEorge *Knipe*, of the Parish of *Hawkshead* in the County of *Lancaster*, was born in the Year 1653, being brought up by his Parents in the Religion of the Church of *England*, and in his Youth much inclined to Vanity; but about the Year 1675, being the 22d Year of his Age, the Lord was pleased by the true Light, which *lighteth every Man that cometh into the World*, to shew him the Vanity of his Ways, and his then deplorable State and Condition, and brought him not only to a godly Sorrow for his Sins and Vanity, for which he had often felt Reproof, but unto an unfeigned Repentance. And now he gave up in Obedience to the Requirings of God's holy Spirit in his Heart, and became a diligent Frequenter of the Meetings of the Lord's People called *Quakers*, and was made Partaker of the like precious Faith that was delivered to the Saints; the Lord having revealed to him the Way of Life, he made publick Profession thereof, and walked therein; so that the

great Change that was wrought in him was very evident and conspicuous to all that knew him: For as before he was in the Use of singing idle Songs, and his Discourses were vain; now he was sober, serious and religious, and very circumspect and godly in his Conversation. So efficacious was the Power of the blessed Truth, which he received, believed in, and obeyed: And continuing faithful unto the Lord, he was pleased in the Year 1685 (about ten Years after he was convinced) to call and put him into the Ministry; unto which Call he was obedient, and became a diligent, zealous and faithful Labourer in the Gospel of Peace, and travelled much, willingly to preach the same for the Good of Souls; and was made very serviceable in many Parts, as *England*, *Scotland* and *Ireland*, and the whole Time of his Life, after he was called into the Work of the Ministry, he mostly spent in travelling to publish the glad Tidings of the Gospel of Salvation, and to preach Christ, whom the Lord hath given *for a Witness and Covenant of the People, for a Light*

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of the Gentiles. And he devoted himself to serve the Lord, whom he truly loved and feared. He had unfeigned Love to his Brethren, and good Will to all Men, whose Salvation he earnestly desired. He was of a sympathizing Spirit with those under Exercise and Affliction, and laboured for Love and Unity. He was a Man of Peace, yet zealous for the Truth, and Preservation of the Testimony thereof in its Simplicity. And although he was very little of a Scholar, yet well understood the Holy Scriptures, both in the Letter and Mystery, and his Ministry was plain, and Doctrine sound, and his Preaching reaching, edifying and lively; the Lord being with him, and his Presence and Power attending him, made his Doctrine very prevalent, tending much to promote Piety and Virtue, he loving and living a godly and virtuous Life, agreeable to what he taught.

And in his Travels he went unto the House of —— *Robinson*, the 27th of the Seventh Month 1709, and being sorely afflicted with Sickness he could not travel, but was preserved in a living

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Sense of the Love of God, and often praised the Lord, and gave good Exhortations to the Family, and those that came to visit him were greatly comforted, and he declared in their Company, and often expressed, *he was freely resigned and content in the Will of God*; and that *he was well satisfied he had spent so much of his Time in the Lord's Service*. And in a sweet Frame and Temper of Spirit he continued till the 4th of the Eighth Month 1709, being the 56th Year of his Age, and then departed in Peace with God, after he had laboured in the Ministry twenty four Years.

And at his Funeral many being met to perform the last Office of Love, to see his Body interr'd, the Lord was pleased eminently to appear, and crown that Assembly with his divine Presence; and though he be removed from us, which is the Churches great Loss, yet we are satisfied his Gain is much greater, being entered into the Kingdom that never shall have End.

Matthew

Matthew Dickenson, of *Cumberland*, was born in the Year 1627, and was convinced by the Spirit of Truth, and received it in the Love thereof in the Year 1653. One of the first that received Truth in that County was this worthy and ancient Friend, who was faithful to the Requirings of the Lord; and the Lord fitted him to bear Testimony to his holy Name and Truth soon after his Convincement, and caused him to call and warn both Priests and People to turn to the Light of the Lord Jesus that shined in their Hearts, and to repent of their Wickedness, and to believe in Christ, and to obey him.

He was much concern'd to go to the publick Places of Worship to preach the Gospel of Christ in Love to Peoples Souls, being greatly desirous that they might receive it, as he had done: But he met with deep Sufferings by Beatings, Abusing, and Imprisonment; yet he persevered in true Faith, sincere Love, great Zeal, and godly Courage: So that there were but few publick

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Places in all the County but what he visited and laboured among them. He travelled but little to visit Friends Abroad, but frequently attended Meetings at Home, and was very instrumental in setling of a Meeting called *West-side*, tho' he belonged to *Pardsey* Meeting in *Cumberland*: He was an innocent Man, and of a blameless Conversation among all Sorts of People, and stedfastly walked so in the Churches of Christ. He retained his Integrity to the End, and a little before his Death, he said, *I feel the Lord's Love and Power over all, and am satisfied all will be well.* He died the 23d of the Ninth Month 1709.

Aged about 82 } Years.
A Minister near 56 }

JEremiah, Son of *Jeremiah* and *Mary Waring*, of *Witney* in the County of *Oxon*, born the 21st of the First Month 1688, was a Youth endu'd with divine and natural Capacity; both which Excellencies in him (through divine Goodness and parental Education) seem'd to over-grow his tender Years;

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day gather'd to worship God in Spirit and Truth, and there being none concern'd verbally, Friends were attack'd by an old Adversary of Truth, who came in and made Disturbance by way of Inquiry, which this young Man so suitably answer'd, that he went off; but return'd thither again in the Afternoon, and brought with him many People, and endeavour'd to insinuate into them, that *we denied the Death of Christ*; to corroborate which, he read part of a Sentence out of a Book writ by a Friend: But this Youth oppos'd him, and made it obvious that his Assertion was false, and that he had perverted the Author's Words; which gain'd so much upon the Auditory, that they went off with Satisfaction, and this Disturber with Shame. And as he was zealously concern'd for maintaining and defending Truth's Principles against open and profess'd Enemies, so that he was for putting in Practice the wholsome Order of our disciplin'd Church, that Truth might be preserv'd from all intestine Foes; and

and in Meetings appointed for that Purpose he was very serviceable.

He was given much to Reading and Retirement, and having read many Authors, both ancient and modern, and traced almost every Custom and Ceremony (made use of by those call'd *Christians*) to their very Source from whence they were taken, and how long they had been in the Performance of them, which he collected into a Book, and placid each Particular in its proper Class, and also many wise and notable Sayings of judicious Men, concerning the Spirituality of the true *Christian* Religion; between which he had left proper Spaces, designing (as we suppose) to fill it up with the Product of his own fruitful Genius; and had he liv'd to have compleated the Work, he would (doubtless) have given the World a sufficient Proof of his excellent Qualifications. A very worthy Friend, (which is since deceas'd) *Thomas Ellwood*, desir'd to view his Writings, which when he had perus'd he return'd, and with them this Character, that *The Compiler did assimulate the industrious*

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Bee, which gather'd Honey from every Herb; and like the wise Master-builder, had brought Materials for the Building, though he did not live to finish the Work.

To be short, he was of a clean Life, and of a blameless Conversation, a zealous Attender of Meetings, and an Example to the Youth where he lived. He was very industrious in the spreading Friends Books, and it may be said of him, he liv'd belov'd, and dy'd lamented, both by Friends and Neighbours; for he was a dutiful Child, a tender Brother, a faithful Friend, and a good Neighbour.

He went from Home to the City of *London*, in his Father's Business, and was there taken ill on the Fourth-day of the Week, and dy'd the Second-day following, at a Relation's House: He uttered many precious Sayings and heavenly Expressions; but his Relations, and those that came to visit him, were not so careful as to pen them down. He signify'd what a Concern he had for his Parents and his Friends in the Country, whom he thought would be involv'd in Tears and Sorrow, when

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he News of his Illneſs reach'd their ears. He expreſs'd his Reſignation to he Will of the Lord, whether Life or Death: He often call'd on his Mother, eing in Hopes he ſhould have ſeen her efore he dy'd; but his Diſtemper in-reaſing ſo faſt, that before ſhe came e had put off this mortal Cloathing, nd aſcended (we don't doubt) into hoſe celeſtial Manſions of everlaſting Bliſs, of which Fruition he had an Ear-neſt whilſt on Earth, though young in Years; and as the wiſe Man ſays, *Tho' he Righteous be prevented with Death, et ſhall ye be in Reſt. For honourable Age is not that which ſtandeth in Length f Time, nor that which is meaſured by Number of Years; but Wiſdom is gray Hairs unto Men, and an unſpotted Life s old Age.*

He departed this Life the 24th Day f the Second Month 1710, and was nter'd in Friends Burying-place, near *Bunhill-fields, London.*

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THomas *Everden*, was formerly an Inhabitant of *Canterbury* in *England*, and went into *America*, and lived at *Fiſhing-Creek* in *Eaſtern-Shore*. He was one whom the Lord fitted for the Work of the Miniſtry, and he preached the Goſpel of Peace: And the Lord alſo gifted him to be helpful in Government in the Church, and to maintain the Order of the Goſpel. And in the Meekneſs of Wiſdom and Power of God was he made to teſtify againſt thoſe that ſtood not faithful in their Teſtimonies for the Truth (which the Lord required at their Hands.) And ſuch as would not be reſtored by the Spirit of Meekneſs in the Labour of Love, and be prevailed upon to be orderly in their Converſation, he was zealous that they ſhould be reſtified againſt; and careful he was to maintain the Teſtimony of Truth in the Simplicity thereof. He alſo zealouſly and faithfully laboured long in the Lord's Vineyard, to the convincing, building up, and confirming many in the

the Faith of God's Elect, in many Parts of *America*. And the Lord's Power and Preſence attended him in all the Services he concerned him in, and greatly bleſſed him and his Labour in the Goſpel. He retained his Love to the Lord, his Zeal for his Name, and Concern for his Glory unto the End, as may partly appear by the following Account of his Dying Sayings, and the Epiſtle he wrote a few Days before his Death.

He was taken ill about the 10th of the Third Month 1710, and continued weak about three or four Weeks; in which Time he did very often expreſs his great Satisfaction relating to his future State, for he declared, *he did expect the Lord had ſent the Meſſenger of Death to ſummons him to his long Home*; and he ſaid, *Death is made eaſy to me, becauſe I know the Sting is taken away, and my Lord is near me.* He alſo often ſaid, *I have but little Pain, for my Lord, whom I have ſerved, is with me, and fills my Treaſury.*

He often exhorted his Children, Friends and Neighbours, *to keep to Truth,*

Truth, and in Love one with another; adding, *How good a Thing it is to have the Favour and Smiles of Jesus upon a dying Bed, which cannot be had out of the Truth*: And therefore he exhorted all *to serve the Lord in their Day faithfully, and to stand up for the Testimony of Truth in their Day, not fearing the Frowns of Men; for*, said he, *what should I have done now, if I had gained the whole World, and had now been destitute of the Favour of my Lord, which is more to me than all the World.*

And with many such Expressions, good Admonitions and Advice, he continued until his Departure, which was on the 4th Day of the Fourth Month 1710.

A Copy of the afore-mentioned Letter, sent about ten Days before his Death, directed to the Meeting of Ministring-Friends at West-River.

From Fishing-Creek, *the 24th of the Third Month* 1710.

'*Friends*,

'IN the Love of the Lord Jesus Christ I salute you all. I am at this very Time weak in Body, in Ex-

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'pectation of my Diſſolution to be 'near at hand.

'Bleſſed be the Lord God who hath 'called us, and choſen us to be Wit-'neſſes, not only in Word and Doc-'trine, but in a holy Life and godly 'Converſation. His living and power-'ful Preſence is with me, and in this 'I greatly rejoice.

'*My Brethren*, my Love abounds 'greatly to you; and I embrace you 'and ſalute you in the ſame Love and 'Life with which the Lord hath loved 'me.

'Receive this Friendly Exhortation 'from your dying Brother (as I think) 'that as God hath given us a Gift, and 'opened our Mouths in his Name, that 'you abide and live in his Name; for 'herein are we made inſtrumental for 'the gathering of others, and to glo-'rify his Name.—What! hath God 'choſen us, and counted us worthy to 'ſpeak to his Church and People, and 'to turn many to Righteouſneſs? 'Surely, *Brethren*, it greatly concerns 'us to walk even as our Lord walked 'when he was upon the Earth, accord-

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'ing to the Measure of the Gift of
'Grace that we have received from
'him, in Patience, in Meekness, and
'Wisdom, and heavenly Gravity and
'few Words, such as minister Grace
'to the Hearers, and those who con-
'verse with us.

'Since I last saw you, my Service
'has been chiefly at *Cecil* and *Chester*,
'and *Great Choptank*.

'Farewel, Farewel in the Lord.

'*Thomas Everden.*'

William Hornold dwelt near *Radcliff-highway* in the County of *Middlesex*, when the Lord was pleased to qualify and call him into the Work of the Ministry; he travelled in that Service in *England*, *Scotland*, *Ireland* and *Holland*, and laboured zealously therein, and was very industrious to get Meetings in Places where none had been, or at least for several Years past.

In 1710 he was taken ill in his Travels, and being desirous to get homeward,

ward, got on his Way ſo far as *Baldock* in *Hertfordſhire*, and there continued ill and weak until he died, at the Houſe of *John Izard*, who was kind and loving to him.

In the Time of his bodily Weakneſs he gave many good Exhortations, and at ſeveral Times ſpoke as follows:

Friends, I would have you take Notice of what I ſay; The Hand of the Lord God will be upon this Nation and other Nations, and the Day of the Lord will be terrible to the Wicked and Ungodly; for he will aſſuredly ſhake their Foundations; and he will ſever between the Sheep and Goats, and he will winnow the Chaff from the Wheat: But he will plead the Cauſe of the Righteous, and it ſhall be well with them; yea, and his glorious Truth ſhall proſper. He will make Zion *the Beauty of Nations, and* Zion's *King ſhall reign in Glory over all. The Lord will alſo try his own People, they ſhall ſuffer Troubles; but he will ſave and ſuccour the Righteous, that truly fear, ſerve and love him. And the Lord will divide between the Righteous who have ſerved him in Truth, and thoſe that live only in a bare Profeſſion,*

and have not been faithful to the Lord in their Day. But as for the Righteous, that keep their Places, and ſerve the Lord in Truth, and have waſhed their Garments white in the Blood of the Lamb, they ſhall ſhine forth in Glory, and ſhall ſtand upon Mount Zion, *praiſing their God and their King with heavenly Harps in their Hands; and they ſhall reign and live with him, who is their God and their King, for ever and ever.*

Another Time he ſaid, *It's a brave thing for young People, in the Days of their Youth, to ſerve the Lord: Oh! how glad ſhould I be, if our Youth would mind to ſerve the Lord in their Minority! For the Day is coming that will try them; yea, it will purify them that abide faithful to the Lord their God*; or to this Effect, with many more ſeaſonable Exhortations both to Old and Young.

He alſo exhorted Friends earneſtly to follow the Lord fully, ſaying, *Let not not any Thing of the Glory of this World ſteal away your Minds and your Hearts from the Lord your God; mind that you follow the Lord fully, for his Love is to all ſuch, beyond what Teſtimonies can de-*

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clare or set forth to the sight; &c. with much more to the same Effect, not taken down.

Again, *I thank the Lord my God, who hath kept and preserved me ever since he made me sensible of his everlasting Truth; and through the Help of the Lord my God, I have laboured faithfully, according to the Ability the Lord hath given, &c. Yea, I can say, I have laboured freely in the Service of the Lord, that he called me to for the Promotion of his everlasting Truth upon Earth, and for the Gathering of the People to the holy Way of the Lord: And I have not sought myself, but served my God in Truth and Faithfulness, according to that Ability the Lord gave me, praised be his holy Name for ever, for all Honour and Glory, Thanksgiving and everlasting Praises shall be given, attributed and ascribed to the Lord my God; for it is his Due, and he is everlastingly worthy of it.*

And now I rest in the Will of the Lord, and in Peace with him; for I know that everlasting Peace with my God is the Portion of my Soul: Praises, Praises, everlasting Praises be to the holy Name of the Lord my God for ever and ever.

And ſpeaking a few Words to the Youth, he ſaid to this Effect.

Oh! remember Moſes, *that true Servant of God in his Day, who ſaw beyond all the Glory of* Egypt; *and he, as it were trampled upon it, and rather choſe to ſuffer Affliction with the People of God, for his Faithfulneſs to him, than to enjoy the Pleaſures of Sin for a Seaſon: And he loved the Lord, and followed him fully, and ſerved him faithfully; and the Lord was with him, and bleſſed him in his Way; and ſo will he ſtill bleſs all thoſe who labour to follow the Example of* Moſes, *that faithful Servant of the Lord, and walk in the Path of the Righteous, who have truly loved God and ſerved him in Faithfulneſs in their Day and Generation; praiſed and magnified be the holy and powerful Name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.*

Again he ſaid, *Oh! good is the Lord, and worthy to be ſerved by all the Children of Men, and more eſpecially thoſe that are concerned for the Glory of his Name; Oh! Thanks, Honour and Glory be given to the holy and glorious Name of the Lord, for he is good to my Soul.*

At another Time, he ſaid to ſome Friends who came to viſit him, *Oh! Perſevere and go on in the Way of the Lord, and the Lord will be with you, and will ever bleſs you; for no Tongue can declare, nor Pen ſet forth, what the Lord hath in ſtore for them that love him.*

I have been a concerned Man, a Traveller for Zion's *Seed, and a faithful Labourer in the Goſpel of our bleſſed Lord Jeſus Chriſt, according to the Ability the Lord gave unto me; and now I am going to the Lord my God, where I ſhall have everlaſting Reſt with him, and the glorious Immaculate Lamb, who lives and reigns with the Father for ever and ever.*

So, my dearly beloved Friends and Brethren, now we muſt part, and I leave you to the Lord, deſiring the Lord may ever be with you, and bleſs you in the Way of Truth and Righteouſneſs; and if you live and die in the Truth, we ſhall meet again hereafter, and enjoy everlaſting Peace in the Manſions of Glory.—But now we ſee in part, and know in part; but then I ſhall ſee, as I am ſeen; and then ſhall I know, as alſo I am known.

And I would have you remember these Words of Counsel, and that it was given you by one who is your Friend and Brother, who loveth the ever blessed Truth above all. So, my dear Friends, now I leave you, and commit you to him who is worthy, worthy of everlasting Praises, Worship, Honour, eternal Renown and Adoration; unto whom all Hallelujah's and high Praises are sung, World without End, saith my Soul.

Some of his last Words, which could be perfectly understood, when his Spirits were weak, and his Voice very low, were as follow:

O holy God! thou art pure, powerful, and very good unto my poor Soul; blessed and praised be the holy Name of the Lord, for all his Mercies every Day and every Way. O Lord, thou art wonderful in all thy Works: Oh! thou art good to all thy little Ones, that fear and reverence thy glorious and powerful Name, &c.

Thus he lay praising God, and speaking of his Goodness, until his Speech was taken from him, which was for a great part of that Day he dyed, which was the 26th of the Seventh Month 1710. And

And was buried in Friends Burying-place at *Baldock* on the 29th following.

William Crouch, according to his best Calculation, was born on the 5th Day of the Second Month, called *April*, 1628, in a ſmall Village called *Penton*, by *Weyhill*, near *Andover* in *Hampſhire*. His Father was a ſubſtantial Yeoman, of good Repute in the Country, and well beloved of his Neighbours. His Mother was a religious Woman, and had Converſation amongſt the People in that Day called *Puritans*. She was very watchful over her Children, to preſerve them from committing any Evil, either in Word or Action, and would often get them together, and be with them on their Knees in Prayer to God; wherein ſhe hath left a good Example unto others of her Sex.

See his Poſthuma Chriſtiana, *or Brief Hiſtorical Account*, &c. *Page* 1.

When he was a Child, the Lord did often viſit him in Mercy; and as he grew up, preſerved and delivered him

from many great Temptations and Evils incident to Youth, inclining his Heart to ſhun the rude and extravagant Company of the Times, and to aſſociate himſelf with thoſe that were ſoberly and religiouſly diſpoſed. He diligently attended the Miniſtry of ſuch publick Preachers as were moſt eſteemed, and followed by the moſt Religious, as he apprehended; and often wrote their Sermons, and was ſometimes much affected, returning Home, and retiring himſelf, and offering his Supplications to God: But not knowing that the Lord was ſo near unto him as he was, he witneſſed little Growth or Increaſe of Grace in his Heart, or Power over his Affections and Luſts; but was ſometimes overcome by ſinful Temptations, and often prevailed upon by vain Objects, which afterwards proved a Burthen and Load upon his Soul; yet the Lord in his great Mercy did not caſt him off, but with much Long-ſuffering and Patience, followed him with the Reproofs of Inſtruction, which he found by Experience to be the Way of Life. For now, *viz.* in the

the Year 1656, he came to be in some measure convinced of the everlasting Truth of God, revealed to the People called *Quakers*. And having been at some of their Meetings in *London*, where he heard the Testimony of Truth declared, he was further reached by it, and by degrees fully convinced, that *Salvation is only in and through Christ Jesus the Gift of God, and Light of the World, spiritually revealed in the Heart and Conscience, and sincerely believed in and obeyed.*

A further Account of his Convincement, and the various Trials, Sufferings and Exercises he met with, together with many Consolations, Supports and Deliverances the Lord afforded him, the Reader may see in his Book before quoted in the Margin.

And as he was convinced of the Truth, so was he, by the Grace of God, enabled to walk in it, and to keep up a faithful Testimony to it in Life and Conversation, according to the Measure of the divine Gift bestowed upon him. He rested not in the Beginnings of Regeneration, where too

many content themſelves, but waited for, and laboured after, through the Aſſiſtances and Influences of the holy Spirit, the gradual and progreſſive Work of Sanctification, having a State of Perfection in his View, and believing it attainable on this Side the Grave, by the Grace of God, through Perſeverance in *Faith*, *Humility*, *Watchfulneſs* and *Prayer*, looking unto Jeſus, that he, who had begun the good Work, would confirm it unto the End. He had a ſincere Love towards God, his Church and People; yea, towards all the Children of Men.

When Differences aroſe among Friends, or others, he endeavoured what he could to reconcile them, being kindly affectionated towards all, but eſpecially thoſe in whom the Love of God appeared.

As to the Things of this World, he placed not his Affections upon them, but as a Friend that well knew him teſtifies, 'His Treaſure was in Heaven; 'and for the Treaſures of this World, 'he put no Value upon them any fur-'ther, than to be his Servants for neceſ-

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'ſary Uſes, and to do charitable Acts 'therewith towards others. His *Cha-* 'rity was large, and many Ways, be- 'ing ready to aſſiſt ſuch as were in 'Trouble, or under Affliction of any 'Sort, where either his Advice or 'Purſe was wanting; for he ſpared 'neither Purſe nor Pains, when he was 'called to ſerve others that needed 'them. He practiſed the pure Reli- 'gion, and undefiled before God and 'the Father, *that is*, he frequently vi- 'ſited the Fatherleſs and Widows in 'their Affliction, and kept himſelf 'unſpotted from the World. He was 'in particular a great Support to the 'Poor of the Neighbourhood where he 'lived in the Country, oft diſtributing 'by others Hands largely of his Cha- 'rity to them. Nor did the *Stranger* 'in Diſtreſs go empty-handed away 'from his Gates.'

Nor was he leſs remarkable for doing of *Juſtice*, than exemplary in ſhewing *Mercy to the Poor*, and *in helping and ſupporting the Weak and Afflicted*. He felt a Neceſſity upon him to keep his Word, perform his lawful Contracts, pay

pay his juſt Debts, and to do to all Men, as he would have others do to him.

What he was in his Family, whether conſidered as a *Huſband*, *Father*, or *Maſter*, his *Children* and *Servants*, who were immediately under his Care, give an ample Teſtimony of him, and ſpeak him to have been a *ſingular Pattern of Piety and Virtue*, in the Diſcharge of all thoſe Relations.

The Lord enrich'd him with a large Stock of ſpiritual and experimental Knowledge, which he had been gathering and treaſuring up for many Years. And though he lived not upon his *former Experiences*, but upon *Chriſt*, the *living Bread*, and *only Nouriſhment* of the immortal Soul; yet thoſe Experiences of the loving Kindneſs of God were comfortable to him *in the Openings of Life* to remember, and helpful to him in giving Advice and Counſel to others.

In his Illneſs which ſometimes was ſevere upon him, being ſorely afflicted with *Fits of the Stone* about the Space of two Years before his Death, the Lord enabled him to manifeſt much Patience,

Patience, and meekly to ſubmit himſelf to the divine Will.

About nine Months before his own Departure, and at a Time when his Diſtemper was ſharp upon him, his ſecond Wife, whoſe Name was *Ruth*, (Daughter of *John Brown*, and *Ruth* his Wife, of *Wood-ſtreet, London*) a Woman that was an Help-meet indeed, of a loving and tender Spirit, and of the ſame Mind with him in the Things of God, with whom he had lived for *fifty Years* and upwards, in the Fear of the Lord, and intire Affection, was by Death removed from him. The parting with ſo near and dear a Relation, of whom he left this Teſtimony, *That ſhe would deny herſelf to a very great Degree to ſerve him, beyond what he could aſk or expect from her*, could not but make a deep Impreſſion upon him: But ſuch was his Reſignation to the Will of his heavenly Father, that he poſſeſs'd his Soul in Patience, acknowledging with holy *Job*, that *the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: Bleſſed be the Name of the Lord*, Job i. 21.

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And now drew on the Time of his own *Diſſolution*, which the Lord had graciouſly prepared him for, and which he patiently expected the Accompliſhment of. He often *admired the Goodneſs of God* to him, in inclining his Mind to ſeek after Good from his Youth, and in preſerving of him through the whole Courſe of his Life to old Age: He alſo often *retired in Prayer*, and waited upon the Lord for Support under his daily Exerciſe.

He had attained, through divine Grace, to that inward Peace and Satisfaction of Mind, that he declared, *He had nothing to do but to die.* When he ſaw his Children concerned for him, he often exhorted them, *not to deſire his Life, for he was through Age and Weakneſs, uncapable of being ſerviceable according to his Deſire*; and that *he had done his Day's Work in his Day.*

The Day before he died, a Friend, who had made him ſeveral Viſits in his Illneſs, went to ſee him; whom he found very weak, and ſitting ſome Time with him waiting upon the Lord, he was moved to ſupplicate the Lord on his

his Behalf, who was pleased to answer the Cry of his Servant, and they were greatly comforted together in a Sense of the Lord's Presence and Goodness. After Prayer he expressed his great Satisfaction in that heavenly Visit, and said, as before, *He had now nothing to do but to die*, and waited for the Time, *when it should please God to call him out of this miserable World, and take him to his eternal Rest*.

The Night following he took his solemn Leave of his Children that were then present, telling them, *He now thought he had but a little Time, and the Time which he so greatly desired and waited for was near at Hand*; which was matter of Joy to his Soul, *desiring the Lord to make his Change easy, that so his Patience might hold out to the End*. And the Lord granted him his Request.

He departed this Life the 13th of the Eleventh Month 1710, aged about eighty two Years, at the House of his Son-in-Law, *Michael Lavell*, in *London*; and was on the 19th following decently buried in Friends Burying-ground at *Winchmore-hill*, in the Parish of *Edmonton*,

monton, Middlesex; his Corpse being attended by his Children, Relations and Friends.

Robert Hill, born in the Parish of *Droitwich* in the County of *Worcester*, about the Year 1630 was convinced of the blessed Truth in the Town of *Bromsgrave* in the said County: And the great Lord of the Harvest called him to work in his Vineyard, and sent him forth to preach the everlasting Gospel; which he zealously did. And the Lord's Power and Presence was with him, and his Blessing was so upon his Labours, that he was instrumental to convince many in those Parts: And though he met with many Oppositions in his Travels, and several Imprisonments, as he often said, *The Lord was never wanting to carry him on to do his Work, with Strength and holy Boldness, to stand and make Answer for his God and for the Truth before all Opposers.* And when he was brought before Magistrates, and threatned by them, he feared not their Threatnings, nor their Jails. Some

Some Years before his latter End he was troubled with much bodily Weakneſs, which he bore with Patience; and though his outward Sight decayed, yet his ſpiritual Sight remained: So that, in a good Meaſure, he beheld the inviſible Things of God, and in the Senſe and Love thereof he was often in Raptures of Life, and ſaid, *I am overcome, overcome with the Love of my Beloved, So now, come, Lord Jeſus, for I am ready; receive my Soul into thy everlaſting Glory. I have a full Aſſurance of my Father's Love, and I long to be with the innumerable Company of Angels and Spirits. I have an earneſt Deſire, and long to be in the Fulneſs of Enjoyment, where I may ever be ſinging Praiſes to God and the Lamb for evermore.*

He frequently gave Counſel to thoſe that came to viſit him, for the good of their Souls, with much Tenderneſs and Tears, that they might not walk in the broad Way of the World; and declared of the Lord's Mercy towards the Sons of Men, if they would hearken to the Call of the Lord, and be obedient thereunto; teſtifying that was the

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Way to everlasting Life: And it pleased the Lord to make him instrumental to bring many to a Sight of their inward Condition for the good of their Souls.

And as by Providence his Dwelling in his latter Time was near to the Meeting-place, he would often give Thanks unto God for that Privilege: And when he was weak in Body, he would say, *I must go to Meeting as long as it pleaseth God to enable me, and see if he hath any Service for me to do.* And many Times, notwithstanding his Weakness, the Lord was pleased to make Use of him; and he returned Thanks unto God for affording him his Presence, and enabling him by his Power, to publish and declare what the Lord had done for his Soul.

He was a great Lover of the Poor, very charitable to them, and often prayed for them, and intreated the Lord, he would be pleased to order for their Relief, as it seemed good to him. His Wife knowing the blessed Work of Charity was well-pleasing to him, did sometimes tell him what she had done

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that Work; he would say to her, *I pray God bless thee for it, and be sure thou wilt have thy Reward for relieving the Poor; for the Lord delights in a cheerful Giver.*

He often did mention the Goodness of God, being truly sensible of it to his Soul; and having a Regard to the Poor, he manifested the same by his frequently administring to his necessitous Neighbours, and also by the Gifts and Legacies he left them.

He departed this Life in Peace with the Lord, the 7th of the Twelfth Month 1710, and was buried the 10th of the same. Aged about 80 Years.

ANne Humphreys, late of *Saffron-Walden* in the County of *Essex*, Widow, was a young Woman whom the Lord was pleased to visit and bless with the Knowledge of himself and his unchangeable Truth, which she received in the Love thereof; and by waiting upon the Lord therein, came to know the Work of it in her Soul, and

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to experience the ſanctifying Virtue thereof through her Obedience thereto. And the Lord, who by his Grace made her what ſhe was, was pleaſed to confer upon her a Gift of the Miniſtry about three Years before ſhe died, in which ſhe laboured faithfully.

In the Fourth Month 1711 ſhe was concerned to go into *Ireland* to viſit Friends, and went and landed at *Dublin* in the ſame Month, accompanied with *Anne Chapman*, of *America*; and they viſited ſeveral Meetings in and about the City of *Dublin*, and ſo paſſed towards the North of that Nation, and being taken ill with a ſtrong *Fever*, was forced to keep her Bed; but after the Fit was ſomewhat abated, a Meeting being appointed for them, ſhe was very deſirous to go, and did: And the Lord was pleaſed eminently to appear with her, to Friends mutual Joy and Comfort; but ſhe went no more abroad, the *Small-pox* ſoon coming out upon her. Then ſhe expreſſed herſelf ſaying, *Lord Jeſus, my Spirit waits thy Coming; my Soul waits for thee, my Redeemer. O Lord God Almighty, thou*

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urely haſt prepared for me a Habitation n the Heavens with thee. Thou it is that nakeſt me ſenſible, that here I am not to ay much longer. O Lord, I feel at this ime thy great Love and heavenly Spring f Life to refreſh and comfort my Soul: nto thy Arms (for thou knoweſt it is that hat I have travailed for) I am ready: Lord, and thou haſt given me to know hat my Soul is ready to enter into thy verlaſting Kingdom. And, O Lord, for his thy great Mercy, in affording thy ervant this Opportunity, I do at this ime, in all reverent Thankfulneſs, bleſs nd praiſe thy moſt holy Name, who art urely worthy for evermore.

She departed this Life at *Colerain*, on he 20th of the Fifth Month 1711.

Aged about 30 } Years.
A Miniſter 3 }

JOſeph Stone, jun. of *Witney* in *Oxford-ſhire*, born in the Sixth Month 683, and deſcended of honeſt Parents. He was educated by them in the Way f Friends, and was well-inclin'd when young;

young; and by the early Visitation of the Grace of God upon his Heart, he embraced the Yoke of Christ in his Youth, and as he was taught of his Saviour himself, to eschew the Evil, and to do Good, he was the more fit to be a Messenger to carry the glad Tidings of Salvation to others, and to make known to them what the Lord had done for his Soul; yet this Work he could not undertake, until it pleased the great Lord of the Harvest to gift him for it, which was in the Year 1703. In which Work he laboured, according to the Ability he received; by whose Ministry the Seed and Heritage of God was often refreshed; for the Springing of Love from the Spirit of God in one, will certainly answer to the same divine Principle in others, and fix it as an Evidence upon their Hearts, that it is the Truth. He was also exemplary in Conversation, and of an innocent Deportment. He loved Solitariness, chusing to be much alone, and approved himself a faithful Servant and Minister of Christ: He was zealous for promoting the Honour of

God

God, labouring in Word and Doctrine for that End, not only in the neighbouring Meetings about him, but also in several Counties in this Nation: He had a great Concern upon him, that he might be instrumental in the Lord's Hand, for the turning the Hearts of the Children of Men from Darkness to Light, and from the Power of Satan unto God. In his Testimony he was concern'd for the Hindermost of the Flock; in Prayer fervent for the Offspring of Friends, that they might come to witness the Grace of God to save them from a vain Conversation; for he knew, that though he had his Education amongst Friends, yet it was not that alone that did make him what he was, but the Grace of God, as he gave up to be guided thereby; and because of his Experience, which he gained in yielding to the Guidance of the Spirit of Truth, he was the more frequent in exhorting the Youth of our Day, to seek the Lord in their early Days; agreeable to the Voice of *Wisdom*, who advised the same of old.

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He writ *a short Account of his Call to the Ministry, with some of his Labours and Travels therein; as also the Comfort and Satisfaction he reaped in his Service for Truth*, as follows:

'AFter it pleased God, in the 'Riches of his Love, to bestow 'on me a Gift of the Ministry, and 'by his Grace to call me to, and qua-'lify me for the same, which was in 'the Ninth Month 1703, I was obe-'dient to the heavenly Call, and gave 'up freely (but not forwardly) to the 'same. And after some Time, I visited 'some neighbouring Meetings in some 'Parts of *Worcestershire*, *Warwickshire*, 'Gloucestershire and *Oxfordshire*: And 'in the Year 1707 I went down to 'the Yearly-meeting at *Bristol*, and 'then returned Home again, where I 'remained three Years, visiting some 'neighbouring Meetings, and one Jour-'ney to *London*.——But having a 'Concern to visit Friends in the *West*, 'which rested upon me 'till the Year '1710, and then I gave up and went, 'though not likely to have a Com-

'panion but Part of the Journey, which 'was as followeth. (Abſtracted)

On the 4th of the Fifth Month 1710, he left his Habitation at *Witney*, and went (Southward) to *Abington* Quarterly-meeting, where he met with his Friends, *John* and *Thomas Wagſtaffe*, who accompanied him part of his Journey, where they left him, and returned, he purſuing his Journey to the *Lands-end*; from whence he returned, viſiting Friends through the Counties till he got Home, which was on the 30th of the Sixth Month.

'And I had a very ſatisfactory Journey, for the Lord was with me, and 'was to me Mouth and Wiſdom, Language and Utterance; bleſſed be his 'glorious Name for ever. And his 'divine Preſence, and glorious Power 'was prevailing in our Meetings; for 'I had many glorious and heavenly 'Meetings in this Journey, to my 'great Satisfaction and Comfort, and 'to the Comfort and Edification of 'the Lord's People.

'And it is the Deſire of my Soul, that 'the Conſideration of the Lord's Love

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and Goodness, may be a binding Obligation to us, for ever to walk in true Humility and Self-denial before him.

The People who were not acquainted with the Work of Truth, were free and willing to come to our Meetings in those Parts, and were very attentive to the Testimony of Truth, and seem'd to be well affected with it, many of them appearing very tender in Meetings; so that I believe the Lord will *add to his Church such as shall be saved*; and will more and more bring People off from the *idle Shepherds* of this World (*who feed themselves and not the Flock*) and will bring them under the Guidance and Conduct of his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, the everlasting Shepherd, who wardes over his Flock both Night and Day, and feeds them in green Pastures of Life, and leads them by the still Waters of *Shiloh's* Brooks, and will at last bring them to the everlasting Fold of Rest.

Oh! that all that profess the blessed Truth might be faithful to him, that so they might preach for God in their Lives

'Lives and Conversations, and so be-
'come instrumental in the Hand of
'God, to the carrying on that great
'Work which he hath begun in the
'Earth, which must be compleated by
'the *Spirit of Judgment and the Spirit*
'*of Burning.*

The 7th of the Fourth Month 1711. "*J. Stone*, jun."

And in the Sixth Month following he had a Concern to visit Friends West-ward again, and went so far as *Cirenester* in *Glocestershire*; but being taken very ill, he returned back again to his Father's House at *Witney*, and his Illness increasing upon him proved him sorely; yet he continued in much Resignedness to the Will of God, and signified, *that People had not need have their Day's Work to do then, for there was Work enough to bear up under the Pain of Body*, and desired *Samuel Waring*, to *remember his Love to all Friends*. And in an Evening, as he sat by him, he signified, *that he did not know how the Lord would*

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be pleaſed to deal with him; but for the Sake of his dear Parents, and others, to whom he might be of Service, he ſhould be glad if the Lord ſhould ſee meet to ſpare him; but he freely reſigned his Will to the Will of God. But before he parted with him, he told him, *he was going*, and that *all was well, all was well*, twice; and deſired all to go out of the Room, except him, to whom he ſaid, *I have ſeen the Glory of Heaven, and it's a brave Place*; and could make his Appeal to the Lord, and ſay, *O Lord, thou knoweſt how I have walked before thee, and ſerved thee*; he having that Aſſurance in his own Boſom, could ſay, and call Death *ſweet*, becauſe by that he *paſſed out of this Houſe of Clay into the Manſions of Glory.*

When he had been ill a few Days, he ſaid to them about him, *This is order'd for my End, and it will be well with me, my Soul ſhall go to Reſt.* One that was with him, ſaid, *How did he know but the Lord might raiſe him up again?* He anſwered, *A Man that lived a righteous Life, he believed often knew a little before-hand, how it would be with him.* His

Nurſe

Nurſe wiſhing thoſe preſent were as fit to die as he: He anſwer'd, *I thank God I have nothing to do but to die, all the World is nothing to me, I have done with it.* But adding, *his Care was a little for his dear Father and Mother, and Siſter and her Children*; ſaying, *How would they do without him?* for indeed, he was very aſſiſtant to them. Another Time he ſaid, *When I am gone hence, I ſhall receive a new Name.* At another Time he ſent for his Father, Mother and Siſter, to take his Leave of them: His Father aſked him how he did? He ſaid, *Very bad*; and aſking him what he had to ſay to him? he anſwer'd, *Farewel, Farewel, Farewel.* Then his Mother and Siſter went, and his Siſter aſked him how he did? He anſwer'd, *It will be well with me,* and that *he was not afraid to die; he did not fear Death if it was that Minute.* And ſo departed this Life the 30th of the Sixth Month 1711, and left a good Savour and bleſſed Memory behind him. He was a dutiful Son, a kind Brother, a faithful Friend, and a good Neighbour. He left a ſmall Treatiſe behind him, in

Manuscript, intituled, *A Call to the Disobedient*. And some other Papers.

He was buried at Friends Burying-ground at *Witney*, at which were many Friends, and others.

Aged 28 } Years.
A Minister about 8 }

MARY, the Wife of *John Turner*, at *Totenham High-Crost*, in the County of *Middlesex*, was the third Daughter of (that remarkable Sufferer for the Testimony of a good Conscience) *Richard Vickris*, of *Chew-Magna* in *Somersetshire*, deceased, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, Daughter to that ancient Worthy, *George Bishop*, of *Bristol*. In her tender Years, by the Grace of God, through the Care of her religious Parents, she was instructed in, and seasoned with the Principles of the holy Truth, as professed by the People called *Quakers*; in which she continued faithful, and was an Example of Piety and Virtue, through the Course of her Life.

When a little Child, our much esteemed Friend *William Penn* coming in at her Father's (where he was very conversant) and affected with her pretty innocent Deportment, brake forth, *extempore*, in this Rapture:

Sweet Soul! what makes thee stray
From the Angelick Way?
What! to teach us how to love
The happy Regions above?
If so, O! let thy wand'ring prove our Gain,
And take us with thee back again.

She was naturally of a lively and cheerful Temper, which remain'd when she came to Years of Discretion, yet took Pleasure in frequent Retirement, and divine Meditation, in Meetings for Worship and religious Conversation, and received worthy publick Friends with great Comfort and Satisfaction. When at Home alone, she entertained herself chiefly in reading the Holy Scriptures, Friends Writings, and the three first Books of *Thomas à Kempis*, of *the Imitation of Christ*; at other Times with her Pen or Needle; for

'twas rare to find her unemploy'd in ſomething uſeful or neceſſary, when her Health permitted. In her Dreſs and Apparel ſhe was very neat and plain. The Tenderneſs of her Love and Affection to her Huſband, Mother, Brothers and Siſters, was more than common, and very remarkable, and likewiſe ſo generally extended to her Acquaintance, eſpecially where Truth had a Prevalency, that it may be ſaid, *Love predominated in her.*

A few Years before her Death, ſhe was ſenſible of a gradual Decay of bodily Strength, and when Weakneſs and Faintneſs prevailed, ſhe bore it with much Patience and Reſignation to God's holy Will. In a Senſe of the Uncertainty of the Comforts here below, ſhe wrote thus to a near Friend:

'The Enjoyments of this Life ap-
'pear very changeable, and we are apt
'to ſeek them more than is good for
'us, which hinders our inward Com-
'fort: So we have ſomething to war
'againſt every Day.——I deſire thou
'mayſt be directed by that divine
'Hand which orders all Things for our

'Good

'Good every way, as we have an Eye 'to it.'

And in another to a Relation: 'I am 'very ſenſible of my Happineſs,——— 'and deſire to walk worthy of the 'Mercies I enjoy; yet the Want of my 'Health has been an Affliction to me: 'But I do not repine at that, ſince it 'is an Advantage to us to have ſome 'Allay to the Comforts of this Life, 'which are moſtly attended with Diſ-'appointments of one Kind or other.'

On her Bed of Sickneſs ſhe ſaid to her Brother, *She admired People ſhould ſo much place their Affections on the Things of this World, which are but as Droſs, and like travelling in Miſery*; and earneſtly deſired, *their Family might, with* Jacob, *obtain a Bleſſing; and as they had ſuch worthy Parents, who had educated them in the Ways of Truth, and had enjoy'd ſo many Favours beyond many others, there ought to be a double Thankfulneſs to the Giver*: And deſired her Brother *to be a Comfort to their tender Mother, and to keep up their honourable Father's Name, as one of the Branches of the Family, and then there would be a Bleſſing laid up for him.*

Speaking to her Sisters, she said, *We should be good Examples in the Plainness of our Habits, as we make Profession of the Principle of Truth, and should take up the Cross daily; for we were not born to serve ourselves, but to honour the Lord: That Pain and Weakness were hard to bear; and when we are going out of the World, we had need to have nothing then to do: That she waited for the Presence of the Lord, in which was more Pleasure than in all the Joys of this World.* Then turning to one of them, said, *The Lord hath done great Things for thee, and may have a Work for thee to do; there is good Seed sown in thy Heart, and I desire the Lord will bless thee.*

Having been render'd in her Spirit, some Friends came to visit her, and prayed with her; whereupon she said, *She saw the Lord had not forsaken her, but sent his Servants to visit her, which was a great Comfort to her.*

Another Time one of her Sisters coming into the Room, O Sister, said she, *the old Adversary of the Brethren has very near, but the Lord's Hand is underneath, and sweetly supports.*

Some Days after, the ſame Siſter being by her Bed-ſide, ſhe had an extraordinary Concern for her own Welfare and her near Relations, ſaying, *Dear Siſter, I have a ſtedfaſt Hope, but not yet a full Aſſurance: I deſire thee, pray earneſtly for me, leſt there ſhould be any Thing committed by me, that may be ſlipt out of my Remembrance, and I not earneſt enough with the Lord for Forgiveneſs: And I alſo pray earneſtly for you all, that you may come where I hope to be; and for my dear Huſband likewiſe:* And expreſt her great Care, that not *one of the Family might be loſt.*

Another of her Siſters, leaving her a little Time, deſired the Lord would ſupport her under her Weakneſs, ſhe anſwered, *He hath, and I believe will*; and ſeem'd comfortably reſign'd in her Spirit.

A few Hours before her Departure ſhe deſired to be raiſed in her Bed, on which ſhe ſeemed as if ſhe ſhould have paſſed away, and bid all *Farewel*; but reviving, ſaid, *I thought I had been going, but the Lord hath given me Life from the Pangs of Death, praiſed be his Name.*

Oh!

Oh! Praiſes be to the Lord, he hath given me a little Eaſe.

Her Fear was ſo great of offending the Lord, that perceiving ſome Diſpoſition to ſlumber, ſhe ſaid to her Mother, then near her, *Doſt think he will be angry if I ſhould drop aſleep?*

Some Time after, being moved again, ſhe ſeem'd refreſhed, and lay in a ſweet Frame of Mind, praiſing the Lord, ſaying, *Lord, thou art merciful, compaſſionate and true: Thou haſt given me Eaſe: Oh! I will praiſe thy Name at all Times, from Time to Time; every Hour, every Minute while I live I will praiſe thee.* Being in great Pain, ſhe ſaid to ſome that were with her, *He will give me Eaſe by and by*; and earneſtly prayed to the Lord for it after this Manner: *Dear Lord, give me Eaſe: Sweet Lord Jeſus, give me Eaſe*; and then ſaid to her Siſter, *He would.* Her Siſter ſaid, ſhe did not doubt but the Lord would anſwer her Deſire, and give her a full Aſſurance; to which ſhe anſwered, *I believe he will.* Then ſhe deſired thoſe by her to pray for her.

Having

Having ſlumber'd a little, ſhe awoke refreſh'd, and looking on one of her Siſters, ſhe ſaid to her, *Dear Siſter, I ſhall do well, I ſhall do well.* After which ſhe was heard very ſweetly in Prayer to the Lord to receive her; and was ſenſible to the laſt.

Toward the Concluſion of her Days, her Weakneſs was attended with ſuch Faintneſs and Pain, ſometimes, that made her apprehenſive it would be very hard to bear the Struggles of her final Diſſolution, which ſhe frequently begg'd of the Lord to make eaſy; and he was pleaſed to anſwer her Deſires accordingly; for ſhe paſſed hence almoſt without Sigh, Groan, or any viſible Alteration of Countenance.

She departed this Life at *Tottenham* aforeſaid, on the 31ſt of the Sixth Month 1711, and was decently inter'd in Friends Burying-Ground in *Bunhill-fields* at *London*, on the 5th Day of the Seventh Month following, about the 33d Year of her Age.

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An ACROSTICK and MEDITATIONS, by *R. CLARIDGE.*

M*Y gracious God was in his Love most free,*
A*nd it renewed plenteously to me;*
R*efreshing oft with his Life-giving Streams,*
Y*ea, daily darting in celestial Beams,*

T*HAT yielded saving Light and quickning Heat*
U*nto my Soul: His Love was wondrous great!*
R*espect I had unto his righteous Ways,*
N*umbring the Minutes of my fleeting Days;*
E*ternity being still before mine Eyes,*
R*an I, through Christ, the Race, and won the glorious PRIZE.*

MEDITATIONS On the *Christian* Life and Death of MARY TURNER.

S*HE's gone from hence! Who could but shed a Tear,*
That knew her Christian *Conversation here,*
And's truly sensible what 'tis to be
Deprived of such heavenly Company?

But

But since no Tears can her to us restore,
In Stillness let's the divine Will adore,
Within due Bounds our flowing Passions keep,
And not like noisy hopeless Mourners weep;
Having good Grounds to hope she's gone to Rest
With righteous Souls, in Christ for ever blest.
Let's then her holy, Christian *Life review,*
And pay what Tribute's to such Virtue due.
She early bow'd to the great Teacher, Truth,
Christ's Yoke embracing in her tender Youth.
Self she deny'd, took up her daily Cross,
Made that her Gain, which many counted Loss.
The Rod she heard, whilst in her House of Clay,
And lov'd it, 'cause it scourg'd her Dross away,
Its Strokes receiving with submissive Mind,
And with a Will in all to God's resign'd.
Her Faith, Hope, Love, Patience, Humility,
Her Meekness, Goodness, Silence, Modesty,
Shone bright i' th' Orb, where Providence her plac'd;
And the whole Sex her good Example grac'd:
For she in Truth and Tears together grew,
Leaving some Equals, but Superiors few.
May Learners match the Pattern, and be all
True Copiers of so fair Original!
Which from Above descending, thither is
Return'd, triumphing in eternal Bliss.

THomas *Dockery*, late of *Silverdale*, was born in *Cumberland* near *Portinscalh*, brought up a Scholar, and was a Reader at *Withburne* Chapel in

in that County; and being a ſober young Man, and having Inclinations in his Heart after the true Worſhip of God, which is ſpiritual, it pleaſed the Almighty to open his Underſtanding, and to ſhew him the Myſteries of the Kingdom of Life and Salvation, and the Emptineſs of the Ways, Forms and Traditions of the World, and the Evil of them, wherein he had been amongſt many others. And he was concerned in Love, to go to their publick Places of Worſhip, and bear a Teſtimony againſt them; and what Wages he formerly had received for Reading, as aforeſaid, he carried back and left it with the People, and told them, they were the Wages of Unrighteouſneſs, for which he could not keep them.

Now being joined in Society with Friends, he grew in the Truth, and became very inſtrumental in the Service of the Goſpel, for the confirming of Friends in the Faith, and Information of ſuch as oppoſed Truth and Friends.

After ſome Time he was drawn forth, (in the Love of God) to viſit Friends Meetings in *England*, *Scotland* and *Ireland*:

land: Five Times he visited Friends in *Scotland*, and three Times in *Ireland*: and at his Returns had great Peace and Satisfaction.

Once at *Aberdeen* in *Scotland*, the envious Priests incensed the Magistrates against Friends, and he was put in Prison, and remained there about three Months; but the Lord's Love and Presence he enjoyed therein, and great was his Peace; for he experienced the Lord's Power to preserve him, and the Truth was set over his Persecutors, and they set him at Liberty.

Then he returned into *Cumberland*, and abode there a considerable Time; and from thence went to *Swarthmore* in *Lancashire*, and continued several Years: Also several Times accompanied *G. Fox* to *London*, and elsewhere, in the Service of the Gospel.

In the Year 1683, he settled in *Silverdale* in *Lancashire*, and belonged to *Yelland* Meeting, and continued a Member of the said Meeting above 27 Years, being a diligent Attender thereof; notwithstanding he was weak and infirm in Body for several Years before he died, yet

yet was frequent in Testimony, to the Edification of Friends, and the Opening the Understandings of others.

He was exemplary in Humility and Lowliness of Mind, lived in Peace and Unity with Friends, and was well esteemed amongst his Neighbours. And when his outward Strength did decay, that he grew weaker in Body, he was always content, and after he took to his Bed he continued several Weeks, (not being much afflicted with Pain) the Lord dealing gently with him; yet he grew weaker and weaker; and when asked, how he did? reply'd, *Very weakly, but well content to die, and be removed to Eternal Rest with the Lord, whom I have served; which is now to me great Satisfaction and Content.*

He continued very quiet in his Mind, and sensible to the last, and as he had lived in Peace and Unity with Friends, he died in the same the 6th of the Tenth Month 1711, and was buried at Friends Burying-place at *Yelland*, the 8th Day of the said Month, about the 80th Year of his Age, and a Minister of the Gospel 50 Years.

Mary

MAry, Daughter of *Benjamin Pust*, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, of *London*, was of a tender Spirit, sober Behaviour, religiously inclined, and a Lover of Plainness in Habit and Speech, and kept to it; but a Disliker of Pride and Finery in Apparel. When she was but about eight Years of Age, at a Neighbour's House who desired Her Company (being solid and grave) and the said Neighbour having a Daughter about fifteen Years of Age, who loved this Child well, to whom this Child said, Anna, *what signify these fine Things thou hast on, they will not carry thee to Heaven?* To which *Anna* answered, *Pride is not in the Things, it is in the Heart.* To which the Child reply'd, *But if your Minds* (*i. e.* those that wore them) *were not proud, you would not wear them.*— She also signified to her Mother, that *she much wonder'd at the great Pride she observed in some young Ones who professed Truth*, saying, *I hope I shall be never like them.* Her Mother thereupon said to her, *I hope thou wilt never be like them*;

them; but be an orderly Child, that thou mayſt be in Favour with God. At which ſhe wept, and ſaid, *If I ſhould love fine Things, I muſt alter much: What ſignify fine Things when Folks come to die?*

Hearing ſome Boys in the Street taking God's Name in vain, ſhe ſaid, *They take God's Name in vain enough to fright one.* She alſo ſaid, *ſhe ſhould delight to go to Meetings.*

The Day before ſhe was taken ill, her Mother ſending her out on an Errand, and her Brother being newly come out of the Country, ſhe deſired him to go with her, which he refuſed; at which ſhe ſtood by him a while, and then with a ſolid Countenance ſaid, *Wilt thou not go with me? It may be, the next Time thou comeſt up, thou mayſt not have a Siſter to go with*; as if ſhe had a Senſe of her Death.

And in her Sickneſs, which was violent Convulſions, ſhe often ſaid, *O dear Lord, if thou ſeeſt fit, give me a little Eaſe*: And lifting up her Hands repeated ſuch like Expreſſions, and ſaid, *I had rather die than live; through Mercy*

I am

I am not afraid to die—I ſhall go to Reſt, where I ſhall feel no more Pain.

Her Mother ſtanding mourning by her, the Child looking upon her ſaid, *Mother, don't cry, let us be contented; the Lord can lay me low, and he can raiſe me again; If I were dead, he can raiſe me again:*—Then ſhe repeated, as before, *O dear Lord, if thou ſeeſt fit, or convenient, give me a little Eaſe*; and ſeemed earneſt to die and go to Reſt. Her Mother ſaid to her, *My Dear, why art thou ſo earneſt to die; the Lord can eaſe thee of thy Pain, and give thee Life?* She anſwer'd, *One muſt once die, and if I recover, I muſt (or may) be ſick again; and I had rather die while I am young; if I ſhould live till I am older, the Devil may tempt me to be naught, and I might offend the Lord. I am not afraid to die, through Mercy I ſhall go to my Reſt*; and ſaid, *If I live I am ſatisfied, and if I die I am ſatisfied. I am willing to die, I had rather die than live.*—Her Mother ſaid, *I ſhall dearly miſs thee:* She reply'd, *I am willing to ſee my little Siſter,* (which was at Nurſe) *and her Brother*; and he was at School in the Country: And her

Mother

Mother said she would send for them: *But*, said the Mother, *if any Alteration should be before thy Brother come, what wouldst thou say to him?* She reply'd, *If I can speak, I will bid him be a good Boy, and fear God, that he may go to God Almighty.* She left him the little Money she had, and some other Things to her Father, Mother and two Sisters.

Her Mother desiring her to take something (as she had before done) that was prepared for her, she seemed to refuse, and said, *What signify Doctors and Apothecaries, if the Lord please to take one's Life.*

A little before her End she lamented Folks taking Pleasure, and not considering the Love of God: And the last Words she was heard to speak were, *Dear Lord God Almighty open the Door:* And so sweetly departed this Life, the 19th of the Eleventh Month, 1711. Aged above eight Years.

RIchard Priestman, of Coldbeck in the County of Cumberland, was descended of honest Parents; his Father received

received Truth early, and finished in the same, and his Son, the said *Richard Priestman*, was educated in the Way thereof; yet was at a Want till he found Truth in himself, and came to know the Work of it in his Heart, and came to be faithful thereto: And in due Time, the Lord, whom he loved, was pleased to give him a Gift in the Ministry, whereby he became a Minister of the Gospel, and declared to others what great Things God had done for him.

And though he was not large in Testimony, yet his Ministry was edifying, comforting the weak Travellers, who were on their Way towards *Zion*, often supplicating the Lord for the Preservation of his People, and that he would be pleased to continue his Love and Kindness towards them.

He laboured to keep Peace, and Things in Order, where his Lot was cast: — He was against that which tended to Division and scattering; he walked in the Fear of the Lord, with fervent Desires in his Heart to Almighty God, that *he would be pleased to give*

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him Strength, that he might be preſerved in well-doing, and kept ſtedfaſt in the Faith, which overcomes the World, unto the End of his Days.

In the Time of his Sickneſs, his Spirit was born up to his great Comfort, and many came to viſit him, to whom he expreſſed the Comfort he felt in his Heart.

And the more his Afflictions encreaſed, the more his Strength was renewed in his inward Man, and would be often ſpeaking to his Family, and ſaid, *Know the Lord for yourſelves, and mind the Teaching of his Grace in your Hearts; you need not go far to ſeek for a Teacher:* And with the like Expreſſions, he often exhorted them and many others, that came to viſit him, and ſaid to his Neighbours, *I adviſe you to make your Peace with God, whilſt you are in Health and Strength; for when you are caſt upon a ſick Bed, you will have enough to do to bear your Sickneſs, and do not delay, and have your Peace to make with the Lord at laſt:*—With many more Expreſſions he exhorted them, and was much refreſhed in Spirit in having ſuch Opportunities.

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The Night before he departed this Life, he called his Family to him, and took his laſt Farewel of them, and ſaid, *Keep to Truth, and do juſtly, and do to every one as you would they ſhould do to you; and the Lord will bleſs you, and keep you from Evil.*

He finiſhed his Courſe in perfect Unity with the Brethren, the 23d of the Eleventh Month 1711.

WIlliam *Rigg*, of *Colthouſe*, near *Hawkſhead*, in the County of *Lancaſter*, received Truth in the Year 1672, being the 36th Year of his Age.

A little after he received a Gift of the Miniſtry, in which he was faithful, and endowed with a good Underſtanding, in the Myſteries of the Kingdom of God, and had a clear and ſound Teſtimony, and travelled much in the Work of the Miniſtry, both in this Nation and in *Scotland*, although he was a very tender body'd Man, and troubled with a ſore Cough for many Years; it was his Delight to be ſpeaking of the

Things of God and the Mysteries of his Kingdom, to the Refreshing of many.

And towards his latter End was attended with great Weakness of Body, so that he could not get to the Meeting, or scarce out of Doors for many Weeks, which he did bear with great Patience, and to the great Comfort and Refreshment of many that came to see him.

He was of a clean Life and Conversation, which answered his Testimony.

In the Time of his Weakness he waited patiently for his Dissolution, and often said, *I have done my Day's Work in the Day Time, to my great Peace and Satisfaction, and have nothing to do but to die, and put off this earthly Tabernacle, being well assured of my eternal Rest with the Lord*: Into which, no doubt, he is entered.

He died the 29th Day of the Second Month 1712.

Aged 76 } Years.
A Minister about 49 }

Samuel

Samuel George, of the Parish of *Lan-dewey brevy* in *Cardiganshire*, lived there with his Parents till he was about 21 Years of Age. In which Place the excellent Truth, being despised by many, had not that Place and Dominion in the Hearts of the People, which it ought to have: and he was careless like others, going on in the broad Way, playing and sporting therein, and unconcerned for the everlasting Welfare of his poor Soul. But now the Lord met with him in his Prime of Youth, opened his Ears, and sealed Instruction to him in a Dream, or Vision of the Night. He lay slumbering upon his Bed; in which Dream, or Vision, he thought he was going to hear (that called) *Divine Service*, and saw a Man winnowing Corn, which seemed to him to be good and sound, but when raised to the Wind, it was blown and scattered away, like white Chaff towards the North: And as he looked behind him, he saw a Man who asked him, *Whether he knew what that meant?* He

anſwered, *No.* Then ſaid the Man, *The Chaff repreſents ungodly Men, who are as the Chaff which the Wind driveth away.* By this, and other Dreams and Viſions which he had, he came under a Concern of Mind, and cried out, *What ſhall I do to be ſaved?* Then it pleaſed the Lord, in his infinite Love and Mercy, ſo to viſit the Heart of this young Man, that he came to know the Lord, and was made willing to bear the Indignation of God becauſe he had ſinned againſt him. And the Lord by his inviſible Power wrought his Deliverance, notwithſtanding he ſuffered him to be tried many Ways, and when under great and deep Exerciſes, both inwardly and outwardly, the Lord was pleaſed by his Hand to help him in the Time of Need, of which he was greatly ſenſible, and experienced the great Truth the holy Prophet of old declared, *That Zion ſhall be redeemed with Judgment, and her Converts with Righteouſneſs*; although he had been ready to think, no one was exerciſed like him.

He often uſed Retirement, and in the Night-Seaſon, and at other Times, he

he waited upon the Lord, pouring out his Soul in Supplication, and fervently prayed unto him in ſecret; and the Lord rewarded him openly, and many Times gave him the Oil of Joy for Mourning.

On the 26th of the Sixth Month 1711, the Lord opened his Mouth to declare in his Power, and to bear his Teſtimony againſt Unfaithfulneſs and Diſobedience to the Lord. And the Lord made him alſo ſenſible, and gave him a Sight his Time was but ſhort to work in his Vineyard: So (although his Service was heavy and hard) he laboured diligently.

About ſix Months after, he travelled and viſited Friends at their Meetings in *Radnorſhire*; and about two Months after he did the like in ſeveral Counties, as *Merionethſhire*, and *Montgomeryſhire*. And when he had eaſed his Mind, and finiſhed his Service for the Lord in theſe Parts, he returned Home.

In a little Time after he went to the Yearly-meeting of *Wales*, at *Kanides* in *Montgomeryſhire*, and after his Return had but three Meetings; the laſt

was the 4th of the Third Month 1712, where many People came in, and he in great Tenderness to those who had true Desires in their Hearts after the Lord, preached unto them in much Love and Fervency, and his Words and Doctrine were as the Dew falling on the tender Grass; and afterwards, in great Concern of Spirit, and in Trembling, he thundered against the light, airy, and Hard-hearted Ones, who slighted and reproached the Truth and its Followers, and speak evil of that they know not, telling them, *The Lord would plead with such in his righteous Judgments*; and he exhorted them *to repent speedily, lest the Lord should cut them off in his fierce Anger*.

On the 6th of the Third Month following, it pleased the Lord to visit this zealous young Man with an Indisposition of Body, and a Voice run through him, *Put thy House in order, for thou must die*. And he declared he was willing to give up all to the Lord, to dispose of him as seemed good in his Sight. And feeling the Lord's Power over all, his Heart was refreshed, and

he declared, *Bleſſed are the Dead that die in the Lord, from henceforth; yea, ſaith the Spirit, that they may reſt from their Labour, and their Works follow them.* And charged his Brother, *John George*, (who gives this Relation) *That theſe Things ſhould not be forgotten and fall to the Ground*; and bid his ſaid Brother, *give him up freely*; adding, *if he and Friends continued faithful, the Lord would be their Helper and ſufficient Support.*

Afterwards he called for his Parents, and ſpoke to them, ſaying, *I do not expect to recover from this Sickneſs, but be not over-much concerned; for I have Peace with God, and had rather, if it was the Lord's Will, die than live any longer*: And deſired them, *to prize their Time, and ſeriouſly conſider, how precious a Thing it was to know Peace with God their Maker on a dying Bed.* And he valiantly bore his Teſtimony for the precious Truth in their Preſence, and ſhewed the Barrenneſs of Men-made Miniſters, who plead for Sin and Imperfection: Adviſing his Parents *to beware of hindering any of their Children (his Brothers or Siſters) from coming into the*

Way of Truth; and desired them *rather to encourage them therein*: And exhorted his Parents, saying, *Give up all, that you may have an Inheritance in that Kingdom wherein there is no Trouble nor Sorrow, but eternal Joy and Peace.* He likewise exhorted his Brothers and Sisters, *to be faithful to that which the Lord had made known to them of his Will.* He often heartily prayed for them unto Almighty God, *that none of them who had turned their Faces* Sion-*ward, might look back into the World again, but might all press forward.*

Some Days before his Departure, he fervently said, *Remember my Love in Christ Jesus unto all my faithful Friends and Brethren in the incorruptible Seed; to which Seed the Promise is, and wherein Peace and Acceptance with God are livingly known.*

He finished his Course here the 18th of the Third Month 1712.

Aged 25 Years.
A Minister about 9 Months.

John

JOhn *Ayrry*, belonging to *Sedberg* Meeting in the County of *York*, was convinced of the bleſſed Truth, as profeſſed by the People called *Quakers*, about the 29th Year of his Age, and was of an innocent Life and good Converſation, and faithful in every Branch of his Teſtimony relating to Truth.

And it pleaſed the Lord to commit unto him a Diſpenſation of the Goſpel and Part in the Miniſtry. And altho' he was not large in Teſtimony, yet had the Movings of Life upon him, which made his Offering acceptable to Friends.

And as he lived a harmleſs and innocent Life, ſo when he came to be tried with much bodily Weakneſs, which attended him for ſeveral Months before he died, he bore it with much Patience, and was very ſweet in his Spirit, and often ſaid unto Friends, *It is a precious Thing to wait upon God, to feel his Life, Power and Preſence to quicken and raiſe us up to praiſe his powerful Name, who is worthy for ever.*

He departed this Life the 15th of the Fourth Month 1712. in the sixty ninth Year of his Age. He was one that held out unto the End, and partook of the Salvation of God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Peregrin Musgrave was born at *Lanwyne*, in the Parish of *Lanyarth*, and County of *Cardigan*, the 4th of the First Month 1643. He was by Trade a Clothier, and of good Repute among Men; and the Lord endued him with Wisdom and Understanding, whereby he was very serviceable in the Church, especially in Meetings of Business and the Care of the Poor: And great Concern was upon him, that Friends might be preserved in Love and Unity; and where he saw any Thing that tended to the Breach thereof, he earnestly laboured to put a Stop to it, both at Home, and in the adjacent Counties. His Heart and House were open to Friends, and he had great Delight in the Conversation of faithful Brethren; and it's not doubted but he laid down his Head

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in Peace with the Lord, and he himself ſignified the ſame in the Time of his Sickneſs. In which Time his Wife and Daughters ſitting in the Room by him, and ſeeing him ſo weak, his Daughter wept; he hearing her, ſaid, *Suſanna, Suſanna, make no Noiſe for me: What would you Children have? Your Father hath lived to a good old Age, and I die in Peace with my God, and in Credit with Men: I leave no Stink behind me, which is a Mercy to you beyond many Children I deſire you to be ſatisfied, and give me freely up, and let your Concern be inward:* Adding, *I want to ſee thy Brother and his Wife, and thy Huſband, that I may eaſe my Mind to them.*

Then he aſked, *If it was Day?* His Daughter ſaid, *It is not.* He ſaid, *Call thy Brother and his Wife.* When he came, he ſaid, *Lewis, I find this Diſtemper come ſo hard, that I am not like to continue long*: So gave him good Advice in many Words, and withal deſired him *to keep cloſe to Meetings, and not forget Week-day Meetings*; and *to mind Truth, which would adorn them above all*; and ſaid, *Be ſerviceable to Friends, and ſtand a Man in my Place. My dear* Lewis, *remember*

remember what I ſay, live in Love: You are a pretty many Relations here, if you keep your Places and live in Love, you may be a Comfort one to another. So called for his Daughter-in-Law, and took Leave of them, and ſaid, *I pray God bleſs you and your poor Babes: I deſire you, be tender of them in bringing them up.* Then he kiſſed them, and ſaid, *I have not much more to ſay.* So continued very ſenſible all the Day, and often ſaid, *Dear God, I pray thee make my Paſſage eaſy*; and ſaid, *the Love of God is more to me now than all the World.* He took Leave alſo of his Neighbours and Friends, and ſeemed to be cheerful and willing to die. He departed as if he had been going to Sleep, and was very ſenſible to the laſt, which was the 14th of the Fifth Month 1712. And this worthy old Man was honourably and decently interred at *Eaſt-hookit* the 16th of the Fifth Month 1712. Aged 69 Years.

Joſhua

Joſhua Arnold, of *Whittington* in the County of *Derby*, was educated in the bleſſ d Truth among the People called *Quakers*, and by Occupation a Carpenter, and much employed by the great Men, being juſt and honeſt in his Dealing, moderate and temperate in his Life, and in his Converſation Chriſtian and exemplary; ſo that therein he preached to Profeſſors and Prophane, being faithful to the Witneſs of God in his own Heart, he anſwered it in others.

And the Lord, who made him what he was, at Times was pleaſed to open his Mouth in the Aſſemblies of his People, that he, in a Senſe of the Goodneſs of God, did bear Witneſs thereto; and in true Love he exhorted Friends to *Watchfulneſs, and to keep their Converſation clean, and void of Offence towards God and Man, and to dwell in that which would keep them humble, and ever to avoid Pride and Covetouſneſs; and to wait patiently for the Appearing of the Lord, and to hear his ſtill ſmall Voice*

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in their own Hearts, and for the Arising of Life, that they might be taught, kept and preserved thereby; so that they might bring no Reproach upon the holy Truth they professed.

This was the earnest Desire of this godly Man, who was indeed a good Example, both to the great Men, with whom he was concerned, and to his Family, Friends, and all he conversed with: In Moderation, Plainness, and the Fear of God he lived, and thereby gained a good Report, and the Love of many.

He took Opportunities to wait upon the Lord in Silence in his Family; and many Times the Lord was pleased to take such Notice of them in those Retirements, as to brake in upon his Children, and manifested his powerful Presence to the edifying and encouraging them and the whole Family, to take up the Cross of Christ and follow him.

And in a Sense of the Vanities of this World, he said, some Years before he died, *he was willing to leave it*; and did often advise his Family, *to be humble and lowly in their Minds, and to love the Truth,*

Truth, which he recommended as the beſt Portion to his Children.

About two Years before his Departure he was much afflicted with Lameneſs and Weakneſs, by reaſon of the *Palſie*, that had attended him ſome Years before; ſo that he was confined to his Room, and ſeemed not likely to recover: And then he adviſed his Family both in Spirituals and Temporals; but he ſo far recovered that he could go to Meetings, and did, till it pleaſed the Lord to viſit him with a Return of his Diſtemper ſo ſuddainly, that his dying Words were but few; but whilſt his Speech remained, he ſaid, *he was well, and in a little Time all would be well.* Then one of his Children coming to his Bed-ſide (for he was ſeized in his Bed) he held her by the Hand, and ſeemed overcome with the Preſence of the Lord; but had neither Strength nor Utterance to ſpeak, and preſently falling into a deep Sleep, departed this Life (it's believed) without any ſenſible Pain, the 16th of the Sixth Month 1712, and was decently interred; and as his Friends and Neighbours believe

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and are ſatisfied, he is at Peace with the Lord.

Aged about 64 Years and 4 Months.

GEorge *Benſon*, of *Stong End*, in the Pariſh of *Hawkſhead* in *Lancaſhire*, was convinced of the unchangeable Truth in his young Years, near the breaking forth of the ſame in thoſe Parts, and was a very faithful Man to his Concluſion, being often expoſed to various Kinds of Suffering, both by Reaſon of keeping Meetings at his Houſe, and in other Reſpects relating to the ſeveral Branches of the antient Teſtimony of Truth, which faithful Friends in that Time were liable unto: All which he bore with much Patience and Courage.

Toward the latter Part of his Time his Mouth was opened in a publick Teſtimony, and he travelled into ſome Neighbouring Counties in the Service of Truth.

He was a faithful Miniſter, according to his Meaſure, his Life and Converſation

verſation being alſo anſwerable to his Miniſtry.

In the Time of his Sickneſs he gave much good Advice to his Family, warning them *to keep to Truth and out of the Love of this World.* And he dropped ſeveral comfortable Expreſſions to ſuch as came to to ſee him, ſaying; *he had done his Day's Work, whilſt the Day laſted, and had nothing to do but to die.*

He departed this Life in great Peace with the Lord, the 19th Day of the Eighth Month 1712, being in the 76th Year of his Age.

RODERICK *Forbes*, Son of *Arthur* and *Elizabeth Forbes*, of *Brux* in *Scotland*, who was a Man of great Reputation in the World. In his young Days he had ſome Knowledge of the Principles of the *Chriſtian* Religion, as held by the People called *Quakers*, and walked ſoberly for a Time; but his Elder Brother dying, he became Heir to the Eſtate: Then he left the narrow Way, and threw off the Croſs, and continued without a due Senſe of his Loſs,

Ioss, till about the Year 1702, after the Death of his worthy Mother, who in her Life-time was greatly concerned for him, and desirous that the Lord would visit him, and bring him into the Knowledge and Obedience of the holy Truth; and accordingly it pleased the Lord in Mercy to reach unto him, and awaken him by his righteous Judgments, and by his divine Power numbled him, and caused him to sigh and cry unto the Lord, who was graciously pleased to answer those Desires and earnest Cries that he begat in him, and brought him not only to behold the Dawning of his Gospel Day, but in a Spring of Love to his Soul, enabled him clearly and boldly to own the Truth.

This called the Priest he belong'd to, to visit him, who pretended a Concern, that one of so honourable a Family should be deluded, as he apprehended, to whom *Roderick* said, *If the Lord were pleased to awaken and touch thy Conscience, as he hath done mine, he would make thee quake every Joint of thee*; which stopp'd the Priest so that he said no more.

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And by this Principle of Truth was this visited Man taught and strengthen'd to leave his loose and debauch'd Companions, and to live a sober and godly Life, to the Astonishment of his former Associates, who admired to see such a wonderful Change wrought upon him; for he indeed now adorned the Doctrine of God his Saviour in his Life and Conversation, walking according to the Convictions of the Grace of God, in Solidity and Weightiness of Spirit.

In the Year 1712, in his Return from *London*, he was taken sick at *Edinburgh*, but retained a perfect Memory, and was minded to make some Alteration in his Will, which he did, being greatly concerned for the good Education of his Children in the Way of Truth; and gave Directions for his Burial, and the Manner of it; directing, that his Body should be interred in his own burying-place, by his Father and worthy Mother, and two Children of his own, after the plain and decent Way of Friends.

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He was afterwards much exerciſed in Prayer unto God, and Thankfulneſs unto him for his Viſitation, and aſſiſting him to bear a faithful Teſtimony to the bleſſed Truth he had brought him unto the Knowledge of, ſaying, *As the hunted Hart panteth after the Waterbrooks, ſo hath my Soul panted after thee, O Lord.—I can bear Witneſs that Truth is Truth*; and turning to his Wife, he ſaid, *My Dear, thou knoweſt it to be ſo, and I know thou art convinced of it; therefore be faithful to it.*

About two Hours after he deſired to be ſet up in his Bed, ſaying, *I am now in Readineſs to go*; and immediately the Pains of Death ſeized on him; which though they were violent, he endured with Patience, and was bore up in a *Chriſtian* Courage, triumphing over the Powers of Death, ſaying, *The Truth is precious, cleave unto it; yea, more precious than the Gold of* Ophir: *It hath delivered me from many Infirmities.* One ſtanding by, ſaid, *Truſt in God and he will deliver thee.* He anſwered, *I have good Cauſe to truſt in him, he never failed me: And now I feel his Preſence ſupporting*

me in the very Agonies of Death; yea, on the very Brink thereof I can and do rejoice through Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer. I feel his Hand above me and below me, supporting me; and I defy all the Powers of Hell: I have seen their Strength and their Malice, they have not prevailed: Praises, Praises, Oh! everlasting Praises to his ever-blessed Name.

Then seeing some about him weep, he said with much Concern, *Why should ye be troubled, since I undergo the Agonies; you may look on: A small Time will put an End to it, and I have a View of my Journey's End; I am entering the Joys thereof already, where I shall enjoy everlasting Happiness.*

And in this Condition he continued for some Hours, and in Intervals speaking always very sensibly, and recommended his dear Wife to the tender Regard of Friends as a Widow: And then desired *R. Barclay* to hold up his Head in the Time of his greatest Agonies, till his Speech began to fail; so that he could utter but broken Sentences, the last of which that was distinctly known, was, *Unless your Righ-*

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teousness exceeds the Righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no wise enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

So having given before a great deal of good Advice unto all about him, to *leave nothing to a dying Bed*, and to *prefer the Truth above all*; with much more not noted, about the eighth Hour in the Morning his Speech left him, and he lay only breathing, until about the fifth Hour towards Evening, and then quietly resigned up his Breath without any Struggling.

He died in the Eighth Month 1712, and was buried according as he desired.

Aged 42 } Years.
Convinced about 10 }

ROBERT *Fisher*, late of *Preston-Patrick* in the County of *Westmerland*, was convinced of the blessed Truth by the Ministry of *John Banks* (that antient Servant of Christ) at a Meeting at *Dalehead* in *Cumberland*, his native Country, and with Gladness of Heart received the Truth in the Love of it,

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and faithfully walked therein. And the Lord not only gave him to believe, but, being faithful, gave him also a Part in the Miniſtry of the Goſpel, and he teſtified unto the holy Truth, and preached the Word of Reconciliation.

In which Work, according to his Meaſure, he was a faithful Labourer, though he did not travel much abroad, neither was his Teſtimony often known to be long, but comfortable and refreſhing to the Faithful.

He alſo was a faithful Sufferer for that Teſtimony, which the Lord raiſed in his Heart to bear againſt the anti-chriſtian Yoke of *Tithes*, for which he many Times ſuffered the Spoiling of his Goods, although his outward Subſtance was but very ſmall; yet he ſtood true and firm in his Teſtimony to the End of his Days.

He began on the 26th of the Firſt Month 1713 to be ill, and his Sickneſs increaſed and was very ſharp upon him; yet he was preſerved in a comfortable Frame of Spirit, patiently enduring thoſe bodily Infirmities he was under, and much reſigned in his

Mind to God's Will, ſounding forth Praiſes to his great and excellent Name, and often expreſſing the great Satisfaction and Comfort he felt from the Lord under his Exerciſe.

Some few Hours before his Death, his Wife ſitting by him, he ſaid, *I feel the Power and Preſence of the Lord to be with me*: And though Weakneſs of Body was upon him, yet he felt that Hand and Arm of divine Power, which in Times paſt had preſerved him, to ſupport and bear up his Spirit over his Exerciſe; with ſeveral other Words to the ſame Effect, which are not perfectly remember'd.

After this his Sickneſs renewed, and was very ſharp upon him for a ſmall Time, but then abated; and then he took Leave of his Wife, and bid her *Farewel*; and ſoon after paſſed away as if he had fallen into a Sleep, without either Sigh or Groan, the 30th of the Firſt Month 1713, and was buried the 1ſt of the Second Month following, in Friends Burying-ground at *Park-End* in *Preſton-Patrick*. Aged about 73 Years.

Ruth

RUTH, Wife of *John Padley*, of *Shad-Thames* in *Southwark*, Timber-merchant, and Daughter of *Richard Parkes* of *Hook-norton*, in the County of *Oxon*, was a Woman that truly feared the Lord, and loved his Truth and People, very ſincere and upright in her Converſation among all, was very affectionate and loving to her Huſband, kind and loving to his Children he had by a former Wife, dutiful and tender to her aged Parents, tender and loving to her Brothers, Siſters and other Relations, compaſſionate to thoſe under Affliction, and ready to ſympathize with them, charitable to the Poor, and in an eſpecial Manner to thoſe of the Houſhold of Faith, and was in her Converſation ſo adorned with a meek and quiet Spirit, as made her lovely, and therein was very exemplary; as alſo in Plainneſs of Apparel, becoming her Profeſſion, and in uſing the plain Language to all, and in calling the Days according to Scripture, which although by ſome may be

looked over but too lightly, yet is what many have witneſſed the *Spirit of Truth, which leads into all Truth,* to lead them into. She alſo hated Deceit, and was more in Subſtance than in Shew.

And ſo ſhe paſſed the Time of her Sojourning here in Fear, as one that had an Eye to another Country, namely, *an heavenly*; of whom it may be truly ſaid, ſhe was of the Number of the wiſe Virgins, whoſe Lamps were burning, and ſo ready to enter with the Bridegroom into the Marriage Chamber.

She was viſited with a declining Diſtemper ſeveral Months before ſhe died, and although much Means were uſed for her Recovery, yet her Diſtemper increaſed faſt upon her, which ſhe bore very patiently, and was reſigned.

Some little Time after ſhe was taken ill, ſhe had a Proſpect of her Departure hence, which was pleaſant to her, but ſhe conceal'd ſpeaking thereof to her Huſband till a little before her End, leſt he ſhould be over earneſt in deſiring her Life, and ſaid, *Her Maker laid*

laid nothing to her Charge, and that she was ſenſible he had Regard unto her.

At another Time to her Siſter *E. Vokins*, ſhe expreſſed her Aſſurance, ſaying, *She did not queſtion having a Place in the Kingdom.*

At another Time ſhe ſignified unto her ſaid Siſter, her dear Love to her Huſband, that *She never could be diſpleaſed with him for any Thing, and altho' his Company was ſo deſirable to her, ſhe was very willing to give him up*; and ſaid, *ſhe would have him mind his Maſter's Buſineſs.*

And to a Neice, whom ſhe had a tender and motherly Care of, ſhe *adviſed and deſired that ſhe would take up the Croſs while young*, ſaying, *it would be harder if deferred*, and that *ſhe had been well rewarded ſince ſhe took it up.*

And to her Siſter *E. V.* ſhe expreſſed her Satisfaction with her Company in her Illneſs, ſaying, that *She had been a great Comfort to her ſince ſhe came.*

About two or three Hours before ſhe departed, being in Prayer to the Lord, but her Voice low, her Neice aſkd her

her what she said? Her Answer was, *She was speaking to her Maker.*

About two Hours before her Departure she said to her Neice, *Thou mayst think my Affliction hard, but it is not; my Maker has dealt very graciously, or mercifully, with me, more than I can express.* Her Neice asked her, if she thought it would be harder? She answered, *She did not think it would*; adding, *but if it should, she doubted not but her Maker would support her under it.* And when her said Neice ask'd her, where she would have her dwell? her Answer was, *Where it may be best for thy Soul.*

About one Hour before she died, she said, *Remember my dear Love to my Brother* John *Besure, and to all Friends.*

Afterwards she said to her Husband, *O my Dear!* which were the last Words that were heard; but lifted up her dying Hands and Eyes as a Sign of her breathing to the Lord in Spirit, and so departed this Life, and is entered into everlasting Rest with the Lord.

She died the 26th of the Second Month 1713, and was buried from *Horsleydown* Meeting the 30th of the same.

ſame, and divers living Teſtimonies were borne on that Occaſion. Aged about 34 Years.

Eleanor Perkin was born in the Pariſh of *Hemſterly* in the County of *Durham*, and at the Age of ſeventeen Years was convinced of the Truth. She was of a ſweet and innocent Converſation, and of a meek and humble Spirit, deſirous to be converſant with ſuch as feared God.

She was taken ill the latter End of the Sixth Month 1713.

In the Time of her Illneſs ſhe was much reſigned unto the Will of the Lord, whether to live or die. A Friend aſking her, *Whether ſhe deſired to die rather than to live?* She anſwered, *I deſired that long ſince.* Again ſhe was aſked, *if ſhe had any Trouble upon her Mind about any Thing?* She reply'd, *Nay.* Then it was queried of her, *Whether ſhe thought ſhe ſhould be accepted of the Lord?* She anſwered, *She hoped ſhe ſhould*: and ſupplicated the Lord in a heavenly Frame of Mind,

to the Reaching of the Standers by, and the Lord's Goodneſs and Preſence was felt and witneſſed; and ſhe deſired thoſe preſent, *to be ready when the Lord called for them*, ſaying, *you know not whether he may call at Midnight, or at Cock crow, or at Dawning of the Day.*

One Time, being under great Affliction, ſhe ſaid, *Lord, give me Eaſe, and grant me Patience*; which in a little Time ſhe received, and ſhe made her Acknowledgment unto the Lord for the ſame, ſaying, *O Lord, when I get any Eaſe, it comes from thee.* A Relation of hers being by, deſired a Book to pray (or read Prayers) by her, to whom ſhe anſwered (with reſpect to Prayer) that *it was beyond Books.* And ſhe ſpake of the Goodneſs of God, and what he had done for her, ſaying, *I deſire I may praiſe him while I live.* And to her Siſter ſhe ſaid, *I deſire thou mayſt be a good Child, and the Lord will love thee; for the Lord loves all that draw near to him.*

One Evening ſeveral of her Friends came to viſit her, and ſate down in Silence waiting upon the Lord, in which Time his Preſence was wonderfully felt

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and witneſſed among them, inſomuch that ſhe, with ſeveral others, were broken into Tears and ſweet Harmony, with ſome Words ſhe uttered, which were not noted.

A Friend then preſent kneeling down to Prayer, ſupplicated the Lord for her. After one had taken Leave of her, *Eleanor* ſaid, *My dear Friend, the Lord be with thee and with me. Oh! that I may praiſe him whilſt I have a Day; for he is worthy, worthy, for his great Mercy and Kindneſs this Day. Truth is precious: Oh! that every one would come to it, and that many would come and taſte of it. Oh! that I may make ſtreight Steps whilſt I am here; for good is the Lord: He hath been very good to me all along. Oh! that many were Partakers of his Goodneſs; for the Lord hath been wonderful good unto me. Oh! what this Truth is, that many may (know and) be Partakers of it, and that we may honour the Lord, for he is worthy, he is worthy of all Honour. The Lord was never ſo good to me as now; Oh! this was a good Opportunity:* —With many other Words, which, by reaſon of her Weakneſs, and her Voice being low, could

not be well understood; but she remained sensible to the last, and on the 8th of the Eighth Month 1713, she departed this Life, and was buried the 11th at *Rayby* in the County of *Durham*.

Richard Kinman, an ancient Friend, who was truly owned and in Unity with his Friends, and of an upright and blameless Life and Conversation, and loved the Truth, and sometimes bore Testimony to it in Meetings.

A little Time before he departed this Life, he said, *I know my Redeemer liveth, and that he hath done that for me none else can do; and I believe it will be well with me.* With which Testimony Friends declared their Unity.

This, though short, is published to shew how this honest antient Man retained his Integrity, died in the Faith, and obtained a good Report. He died the 23d of the Tenth Month 1713, at *Bishampton* in *Worcestershire*. Aged 72 Years.

SUſanna *Garton*, Widow of *William Garton*, late of *Iſield* in the County of *Suſſex*, was one that in her young Years received the bleſſed Truth in the Love of it, and walked faithfully therein to the End of her Days. It may be truly ſaid, *She was a Mother in God's Iſrael*; a Preacher of Righteouſneſs in her Day, not ſo much in Words as in Life and Converſation; though it pleaſed the Lord, towards her latter Days, to beſtow on her a Gift of the Miniſtry, which tho' ſmall, was very ſound and acceptable.

She was always of a meek and lowly Mind, not eſteeming of herſelf upon, or becauſe of any Service ſhe was found in; but was humbled in Thankfulneſs to the Lord, for that he had in any Meaſure accounted her worthy, and enabled her to be ſerviceable in the Church, thinking no Service therein too mean for her to be employed in. She was given to Hoſpitality, was an Entertainer of Strangers, willing to waſh the Diſciples Feet, took Care of

the Widows and Fatherleſs, and viſited the Afflicted: To do good and communicate, as the Lord had bleſſed her, ſhe was not unmindful; for with ſuch Sacrifice ſhe knew the Lord was well pleaſed.

She was alſo a chearful Sufferer with her dear Huſband for the Teſtimony of Truth, being often left to manage his Affairs in the World, while he lay in Priſon for his Teſtimony againſt Tithes, and ſometimes for meeting to worſhip the Lord: All which ſhe bore and went through with great Chearfulneſs and Zeal for the Lord, rather counting it all Joy or Rejoycing, that they were counted worthy not only to believe, but alſo to ſuffer for the Lord Jeſus Chriſt's Sake, whoſe Love and Favour was more to them than all the World, or the Enjoyments that were therein: And therefore did not reaſon with Fleſh and Blood, but were faithfully given up to ſerve the Lord with all that he had bleſſed them with, believing the Righteous ſhould never be forſaken, nor their Seed be found begging their Bread, if they likewiſe followed

lowed their Steps. Words are indeed too ſhort to ſet forth the Worth and Value of ſuch Elders, who through Faith and patient Suffering have obtained a good Report, and left a ſweet Savour behind them; of whom it may be ſaid, though their Bodies be dead their Spirits live, and their Memorial is ſweet to the living and ſincere in Heart, who had Acquaintance with them, who will in their Hearts ſet their Seals to this Teſtimony.

This worthy Woman was alſo a Pattern of great Plainneſs, and was often grieved to ſee and hear of the Superfluity that abounded among ſome of the Profeſſors of Truth, and the undue Liberty they took, ſaying, *It was not ſo in the Beginning, for then there was nothing too near and dear to part with for Truth's Sake.* She was likewiſe much troubled to hear the needleſs vain Talking, fooliſh Jeſting, and ſee the light and airy Carriage among ſuch, that were unbecoming our holy Profeſſion, ſaying, *Time ought not to be ſo ſpent; for an Account muſt be given unto God for all theſe Things.* It pleaſed the Lord

Lord to preserve her out of such Things to the End of her Days, and it's not doubted but the Lord hath given her a Portion among his redeemed Ones.

What can be written cannot add to her Virtue or Happiness, but is written in Fear and true Love, with Desire that those into whose Hands it may come, may be encouraged to hold on their Way, and that drooping Souls may look unto the Rock that followed the Antients, and was with them in all their Tribulations. Unto which Rock they now sing Praises, and render Honour, Glory and Thanksgiving for ever, *Amen.*

It was the Care of this worthy Matron to walk circumspectly in the Time of her Health; and when it pleased the Lord to visit her with Weakness, which continued and encreased on her for about Half a Year, she was preserved in great Patience, Quietness and Resignation to the Will of God, often saying, *It is Preparation for my End, and I am well content; for the Lord hath given me many Days. And if this had not*

not come upon me, I could not expect to live long in this World.

And although she was one of few Words in her Health, yet in her Illness she wanted not for a Word of Advice to those that came to visit her, (and it hath caused some Trouble it was not taken from her Mouth as it was spoken.) She was much concerned for her Grandchildren, and when any of them came to see her, she advised them to prize their precious Time, saying, *I was once young as well as you, or others, and delighted in the Pleasures and Vanities of this World; but the Lord in his Love and Mercy met with me, yea, he laid the Ax to the very Root of the Tree, and made me willing to part with all my Lovers, my Pride and Vanities, and become a Fool and a Gazing-stock to the World: But all was as nothing to me in that Day, in Comparison to the Love and Favour of God to my poor Soul, that had long wanted Peace with the Lord. And in that Day it was my Care to accompany myself with those that I thought walked most circumspectly, and dwelt nearest the Lord in their Spirits, and not to look out at, or take Example by*

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those that were for most Liberty, (as too many now do.)

Then she, in much Thankfulness, said, *Oh! it was a good Day, a blessed Day, a Day never to be forgotten, my Soul hath it in grateful Remembrance before the Lord; praised be his holy Name for his Goodness.* And in Tears of Joy she exhorted all *to be faithful unto Death, that they might obtain a Crown of Life.*

Again, upon some coming to visit her, and asking her how she did? She answered, *I am going a little before, and you must follow after: All had need to be faithful to the Gift they have received. I never found that going to Meeting barely would do for me: We must all be faithful according to what we have received, and there is no more required.*

Another Time, a Friend of *London* being with her, she tenderly enquired after the Affairs of Truth, saying, *How do Friends in that great City come up in good Order and Discipline in the Church? Are they truly concerned to seek out the lost Sheep, that they be brought Home again?* And when she took her Leave of the Friend, she said, *Farewel, I shall never*

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see them again in this World; but hope to have a Part in that which is to come.

She was preserved in great Tenderness and Brokenness of Spirit all the Time of her Illness, and did often say to her Friends that came to visit her, *I do not weep because I see Death approaching; for I cry'd to the Lord, that if any Thing did lie in my Way, he would be pleased to shew it me: But I do not find any Thing laid to my Charge.* Another Time, when some Friends came to visit her, she, pouring out Tears in a sweet Frame of Spirit, said, *I believe that Saying will be fulfilled on me, That those that sow in Tears shall reap in Joy.*

She also often expressed her great Thankfulness, that the Lord should be so good to her, as to open the Hearts of many to visit her in her Weakness; and acknowledged the Goodness and Mercy of the Lord, saying, *How wonderful good is the Lord to me, a poor Creature! What a gentle Hand doth he lay upon me! — How comfortably have I rested this Night! What a Mercy do I receive at the Lord's Hand, in this my weak Condition, that I can sleep so sweetly!* And

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with Tears of Joy she gave Thanks unto God, for his great Favour and Goodness to her, saying, *I spend many Hours in thinking upon the Lord and his Goodness. I admire how People can lay them down and fall asleep, and not think upon the Lord, and see or consider how Things are with them.*—Sometimes she would signify her Desire to be dissolved and go to the Lord; but it was in a resigned Frame of Spirit, saying, *O Lord, grant I may patiently wait thy appointed Time, knowing thy Time is the best Time.*

And often begged of the Lord, that he would give a double Reward to her Daughter, for the Love and Care extended unto her: And her Daughter being with Child, and near her Time, she was in great Care for her: And when she heard she was safe delivered, she was glad; and the Child being brought to her, she chearfully took it in her Arms, kissed it, and said, *I pray God bless it, and make it a good Woman.* And afterwards said, *I must go to my God.* She lifted up her Eyes, folded her Hands, and gave up her Soul in Sweetness to the Lord, without either

Sigh

Sigh or Groan, the 10th of the First Month 1714, and was buried at *Charlwood* in *Surry*, her Corpse being accompanied with many Friends, Neighbours and Relations. Aged 79 Years.

PHebe, Wife of *William Doughty*, of *Flushing* in *New-England*, was Daughter unto *Sarah Taylor*.

She was dutiful to her Parents, and a great Comfort to them, and from a Child was mindful of Eternity, meditated on the best Things, had God in her Thoughts, and would enquire the Meaning of some Scriptures. She was never given to speak that which was not true. Many heavenly and weighty Prayers she put up unto God, that hears the contrite in Heart, and he answered her Petitions, to her great Comfort; for she declared the Lord had given her Assurance of her Salvation, and Death was no Terror to her; and that *she had rather die than live longer in this troublesome World*; *though*, said she, *I have not wanted that which is convenient*

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for me: I have as dear a Husband as a Woman need to have, a tender Mother, and a sweet Child; yet it's better for me to go and leave you all; this is the best Time, for I am going to meet my Lord Jesus.— And she said to her Husband, some Time before she died, *My Dear, we must part, it's made known to me: Give me up freely:* And desired all about her, *to be faithful to improve their Talents which they had all received from the Lord, and put it not off to a dying Hour; for that's poor Work. Oh how hard a Thing will it be, to die and want Peace with God; but it's Joy and Comfort to me to depart this Life; for it was said to me, after my great Exercise,* Thy Peace is made; *and I have nothing to charge myself with since.*

She desired her Mother to tell her Sister from her, *The Lord had bestowed a great deal on her, and where much is given, much is required;* and advised she might *improve her Talent, and not put it off till a dying Hour, that's poor Work;* saying, *if she could see her poor Sister, she would give her good Counsel.*

She spake to others to the same Effect, and uttered many weighty Expressions

preſſions in Prayer, which were not noted down. That Day ſhe died, ſhe ſaid to her Mother, ſeeing her weep, *Mother, I leave thee my little Son to take Delight in, take him as thy own, I give him to thee, and bring him up in the Way of Truth, to be ſure in the Way of Truth.* She ſpake of the Goodneſs of God and his Mercies to her, and declared her full Satisfaction of her future Well-being, often ſaying, *Sweet Jeſus*, and declared *ſhe was ready*. And after ſhe had been fervent in Prayer, and therein deſired the Lord *to open the Door for her*, ſhe ſaid, *Sweet Jeſus, my Truſt is in thee.*

A few Minutes before ſhe died ſhe kiſſed her Mother, and deſired her Huſband to kiſs her, and bid them, *Take Care of the Child: Now*, ſaid ſhe, *I'll go to ſleep*; and ſo departed the 10th of the Firſt Month 1714, the Fourth-day of the Week, and was accompanied with many Friends and others to the Meeting-houſe in *Flushing*, and after Meeting to the Burying-ground near the Market-houſe, where ſhe was de-

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cently interred, the 12th of the First Month 1714.

TAner Coſtard, Son of *John* and *Ruth Coſtard*, late of *Amerſham* in the County of *Bucks*, was of an innocent Converſation, dutiful, loving and affectionate to his Parents, religiouſly inclined from his Infancy, and greatly delighted to read the Holy Scriptures, eſpecially the *New Teſtament*.

He lived with his Grandfather, and was brought up by him, and in his Practice, being a *Phyſician*. And tho' not in Profeſſion with the People called *Quakers*, yet this young Man came to receive that holy Truth profeſſed by them, and to experience the Work of it in his Heart; as may appear by what he wrote in the Time of his Weakneſs, not long before his Death, and by what he expreſſed to his Mother near his End, as herein after is related.

He writ the following thankful Acknowledgment of the many Mercies he received, and of the gracious Dealings of the Lord with him.

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THE Dead, O Lord, cannot thee praise;
But 'tis the Living, they
Whom thou hast quicken'd, and dost raise
To walk thy holy Way.
Thy Name they praise and magnify,
As doth my Soul with Joy;
Joy which is fix'd on thee on high,
In which there is no Cloy.
I'll bless thy Name, O God of Love;
Nor will I cease to own,
How on my Heart thou first didst move,
And made thy Mercies known.
Whilst yet a Stranger to thy Ways,
Thou often didst appear,
And in my early tender Days
Reveal'd thy Presence near.
And when I knew thee not, yet felt
Thy secret Touches nigh,
How hast thou made my Heart to melt,
And rais'd a secret Cry,
That thou wouldst into me make known
Thy saving Truth and Way,
And that when thou thy Ways had shown
I might not go astray:
But that my infant Feet might tread
Thy Way of Life and Light,
Taught by thy Grace, and thereby led
In it to take Delight.

Thou

Thou heardst my secret Breathings, Lord,
And by Degrees didst shew
What I should shun, with what accord,
And what thou'dst have me do.
And when aside I have been drawn
And swerv'd from thy Command,
Thou thy Paternal Love hast shown
By a chastizing Hand:
For every Son that thou dost love,
Thou also dost chastize,
That so thou mayst Obedience move,
And teach to be more wise.
When I returned have to thee
With all my Heart and Might,
Thou hast not gracious fail'd to be,
Or hid thy precious Light.
And when on every Side beset,
In raging Tempests rost;
Though try'd, thou didst not me forget,
Or suffer to be lost.
Thou hast rebuk'd the Winds, and they
At thy Command were still;
Satan himself did thee obey,
As subject to thy Will.
And tho' that thou mightst make it known
How Sin displeases thee,
Thou hast thy just Displeasure shown,
And hid thy Face from me.

Thou

Thou hast appear'd to give Relief
When most disconsolate,
I droop'd beneath my Pain and Grief,
And mourn'd my wretched State;
Even unto this very Day
Thy Mercies have been shown,
And thy Assistance in that Way
Thou hast to me made known.
When Pain and Sickness have assail'd,
Thou hast not me forsook;
The Enemy has not prevail'd,
Who would my Faith have shook.
Therefore with Praise my Heart is full,
My Mouth is open'd too,
What thou for me hast done, to tell,
What thou for thine canst do.
Thou that didst underneath sustain
In Time of greatest need,
Who dost and will thine own maintain
And bless thy precious Seed.
Thou art the God whom I adore,
O ever gracious Lord!
Me to preserve I thee implore,
Oh! keep me by thy Word.

T. G.

Another Time before he died, being something recovered, he writ what follows,

NOW

NOW in my Sickneſs I cou'd ſee
'Twas the Effects of Love to me.
That it was Love, and Love moſt true,
That was my great Phyſician too.
I ſaw and felt a Hand to move
Of great Compaſſion, greateſt Love;
Love, which can never be expreſs'd,
Nor never be enough confeſs'd.
And now if Death ſhould take away,
Life from this painful Lump of Clay,
'Twould be the Effects of Love to me,
From farther Pain and Danger free.
If ſtill Exiſtence here I know,
I truſt this Love will with me go.

He alſo writ the following Verſes,

I.

ON Wings of Love and Contemplation ſoar
My Soul to the Angelick Shore,
By ſacred Silence mount on high,
Exalt thyſelf by true Humility.
Let not Earth's interpoſing clog thy Way
But thro' its Vail behold eternal Day.
And let the Beams of holy Light,
Which only can afford Delight,
Thy Path enlighten, and direct thy Sight.

II.

Thou know'ſt, my Soul, the Place to wait,
Where to attend at Wiſdom's Gate;
Grovel no longer here below,
With Patience there attend to know
Th' Inſtructions that from Wiſdom flow,
Who teaches that Humility,
(Preceeding to ariſing high)
Which gives thee Wings, and bids thee fly.
Let nothing then invite thy Stay,
With ſuch a heavenly Guide take Wing away,
There's always Danger in too long Delay.

III.

As nearer this poor Earthly Tenement,
By Sickneſs haſten'd to a ſwift Deſcent,
Is to its firſt Original of Clay,
And to the ſilent Grave is on its Way,
Oh! mayſt thou nearer to a bleſt Eſtate,
For that great Change with Patience wait;
Mayſt thou, my Soul, unſhock'd remain,
No ſlaviſh Fear e'er entertain;
But as the Body does decay,
Mayſt thou ariſe and traverſe on thy Way.

IV.

Ariſe, ariſe, mount up, my Soul, and ſing,
Worſhip and praiſe thy high and heavenly
King,

Who hath ſo gracious been to thee,
His Way and Truth to let thee ſee;
The Way to true Felicity.
Who by his Spirit did appear,
And thy Redemption offer'd near,
Affording Help. O wondrous Love!
Mayſt thou ne'er diſobedient prove;
But be obſequious to his Will,
Obey his Voice, and his Commands fulfil.

T. C.

He likewiſe ſpoke ſeveral excellent Things which were apt noted; for he was indeed much devoted to the Service of God in the Time of his Health, and very diligent to wait upon the Lord from a Child; and when very young he learned to read in the New Teſtament, and often wept when he read of the Sufferings of Chriſt.

A little before he died, his Mother going to ſee him, when ſhe came and had been by him for ſome Time, ſhe ſaid unto him, *I am made eaſy and willing to part with thee, becauſe I have Satisfaction it will be well with thee.* To which he reply'd, looking on her very gravely, and

and with a pleasing Countenance, *I know it will be well, I know it will be well, I know it will be well.*

And when he departed, it was observed to be in great Sweetness and Sweetness, and those present felt the Life and Power of God in a large Measure, to their great Comfort at that Time, and was as an Assurance to them, that it was well with him, and that the Lord took him to himself.

He died the 23d of the First Month 1714, and his Corpse was accompanied from the Meeting-house in *Amersham* aforesaid, by many Friends and others who loved and esteemed him, and interred in Friends Burying-ground near the said Place. Aged about 22 Years.

Rebeckah, Daughter of *Joseph* and *Rebekah Tovey*, of *London*, aged about nine Years, was a dutiful and pious Child, a great Reader and Lover of the Holy Scriptures and Friends Books; of an innocent and well Behaviour and Carriage, and her Conver-

tation was pleasing and acceptable; though she was but a young Plant, it pleased the Lord to endue her with a large Understanding in Things both natural and divine. She was comely of Person, virtuous in her Practices, quick of Apprehension, very just and equal in all she undertook, and never known to tell a Lye or speak an ill Word. She loved to go to Meetings, and said, *it was sweet to her.*

Some few Weeks before her Sickness, she had been at a Meeting, wherein she was very diligent and attentive to a Friend, who earnestly exhorted the Children of Friends *to make Choice of the blessed Truth for their Portion, whilst they were in the Enjoyment of their Health, that they might be prepared for a dying Hour*: Whereupon this Child was much reached and melted into Tears, and after Meeting she got apart to read, which was her usual Practice.

After she was taken ill, she was in great Pain: But her Heart was filled with the Incomes of the Lord's Love and Mercy, which caused her to utter many sweet and heavenly Expressions.

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She bore her great Pain with much Patience, and was observed to be mostly wonderfully deep in Supplication to the Lord, in a tender, humble and submissive manner: And when her Pain was sharp, she often cried out, *Sweet Jesus, give me Ease. Sweet Jesus look down with an Eye of Pity upon thy poor, poor Servant.*

Another Time being in great Pain, she said,

Sweet Jesus give me Ease,
For Mercy I do crave:
And if thou wilt but give me Ease,
Then Mercy I shall have.

With many other pathetical Expressions not noted, which she uttered in deep Supplication and Humiliation, and then said, *O Lord, thou desirest not the Death of a Sinner; but rather that he would repent, return and live*; adding, *I know it to be so.*

Another Time she said, *Lord, if thou pleasest thou canst give me Ease.* And again, *Lord, thou wilt help them that love and fear thee. O Lord, remember thy*

poor Servant, and give me a little Ease. —And seeing the Maid cry, she asked her, *What she cried for?* The Maid said, *To see thee so full of Pain.* To which the Child reply'd, *Don't cry; I shall be well in a while.*

And perceiving her School-Mistress, *M. Trafford*, to be troubled for her, she said, *Dear Mistress, don't be troubled; there is a Rest prepared for the Righteous. —There is no Ease here, but there is Ease in Heaven.*

She also said, *It's a sad Thing to speak bad Words, and to tell Lies, which I never did.*

Near her End, she said to her Maid, *I wish thee well, and I shall be well.* Then having left Relations and particular Acquaintance, she bid them *Farewel*, and departed this Life in a sweet Frame of Spirit at *Croydon* in *Surry*, on the 8th of the Fourth Month 1714, and was brought to *London*, and buried in Friends Burying-ground near *Bunhill-Fields*.

Joseph

Joseph Grove, of *Rotherhith* Parish in *Surry*, Merchant (was the Son of *John Grove*, of *Mary Magdalen's* Parish, Mariner and Master of a Ship, who for many Years used the *Barbadoes* Trade.) And this *Joseph Grove* did reside in the Island of *Barbadoes* for many Years, where, as well as since his returning to his native Country, he was of a sober Conversation, and good Reputation, and a Lover of Truth and the Friends of it, who kept their Places therein.

In the latter Part of his Time he was often indisposed in Body, and much afflicted with Pains, notwithstanding which, he was not unmindful of making his Peace with the Lord; for a little before his Departure, he said, *I hope I have fought a good Fight, and am waiting for the Crown, which I doubt not at all but is laid up in Heaven for me. Oh! how I long to be dissolv'd. To live indeed is Christ; but to die is Gain.* Then speaking to his Wife, said, *My dear Love, weep not for me; for I seek Death with*

more Pleaſure than all the Riches the Indies *can afford. Thou haſt been my Love, but I have another Lover, Chriſt Jeſus our Lord, to him I go, and to him I recommend thee and my dear Children: He will be a Huſband, a Friend, a Counſellor and Helper, yea, All in All, if thou wilt cleave unto him; ſeek and thou ſhalt find, knock and he will open the Treaſures of divine Wiſdom to thee, and by his mighty Power thou wilt be preſerved out of all ſuch Things that would ſpot and defile.* And great was his Concern for his Children, inſomuch that he would often ſay, *Oh! that they may chuſe the Fear of the Lord, I deſire that for them, more than all Things here below, that is the beſt Riches, and the greateſt Honour:* And as his Love was great to his Wife and Children, yet it was not bounded there; but ſaid, *What ſtrong Love have I, in my Heart, for the Servants of the Lord, and although I cannot be preſent with them at Meetings, I often meet with the Lord in my ſolitary Chamber; for ever bleſſed be his holy Name. Oh! that they may love him, and then they muſt and will love one another.* And frequently ſaid to this Effect.

He departed this Life the 9th of the Eighth Month 1714, in the 62d Year of his Age, and his Corpse being attended by many Friends and others, was decently buried in Friends Burying-ground near *Barnaby-street, Southwark.*

ESTHER, Wife of *Richard Champion*, of *Briſtol*, was Daughter of *Joſeph Palmer*, of *Fluſhing* in *Long-Iſland*, in *America*, and religiouſly inclined from her young and tender Years, for the Lord inclined her Heart to ſeek after him, and was pleaſed to be found by her; and the Lord gave her a large Meaſure of his holy Spirit, and cauſed her, as ſhe grew in Years, to increaſe more and more in his eternal Truth, and fitted and prepared her for his Work and Service whereunto he called her: And after ſome Time he ſent her to viſit his People and Churches, and to preach the Goſpel of Peace and Salvation by Chriſt, and declared his Coming by his divine Light and Spirit in the Hearts of all Men, inwardly to teach them, and laboured to gather

them to him, in order to their coming to know Salvation by him, and in this Work she laboured in divers Parts of *America*, viz. *Rhode-Island*, *Long Island*, *New-England*, the *Jerseys East and West*, *Pensylvania*, *Maryland*, *Virginia*, *Carolina*, &c. And had Meetings in several Places among many People, where there had been none before, and the Lord was pleased to bless her Labour, so that many were gathered to the Knowledge of his Truth, and therein to worship him in the Spirit of his Son our blessed Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

After she had travelled many Thousand Miles, in the Lord's Service, in the Work of the Ministry of the Gospel in those *American* Parts, she found for some Years a Concern, which so continued upon her, that she could not with Satisfaction omit, which was to visit some Parts of *Great Britain*, but more particularly the Inhabitants of *London*, to which Place she arrived the 20th of the Eighth Month 1710, and had good Service there, which many that were Witnesses and Sharers can testify.

She was a Woman of a solid yet cheerful Spirit, much abounding in Love and true Zeal for the Lord and his Truth; and would express her great Grief when there was any Disorder or want of true Love in any Church, Meeting, or Family where she travel'd, which was in divers Parts of this Nation.

The 23d of the Eighth Month 1714, in the Morning she complained of sharp Pains in her Breast and Back, which continued most part of three Days, and then the *Small Pox* appeared, which Distemper hath often proved mortal to many of those Parts where she was born.

She retained a sound Understanding, and oftentimes spoke of the Goodness of God to her Soul, and by the Aboundings of his Love, her Heart was fill'd, and her Cup made to overflow, to the Comfort of those that were present.

She was freely resigned to the Will of God either to die or live, though she had unexpressible Love to her Husband and Children, and desired, if she lived, to be further serviceable to the Church

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of Christ, yet said, *The Lord's Will and not mine be done.*

She often desired those that were present, *to love, seek and serve the eternal God with all their Hearts.* And speaking to Doctor *Logan*, said, *The many good and precious Opportunities thou hast in thy Way of Practice, (if rightly applied) in seeing the Advantage, unexpressible Joy and Comfort the Lord was pleased oftentimes (on a dying Bed) to give and afford those that live in his Fear; and on the contrary, Cries, Bemoanings, and bitter Bewailings of others, that had not improved and spent their Time well in this World:* All which she desired him to improve, and farther added, *It's not a Profession of Religion only that will render Men acceptable to God; but serving him in and by the Assistance of Jesus, the Son of God, the only Intercessor for Man's Salvation.*

She was then reminded of her great Weakness of Body, to which she reply'd, *The Spirit of Christ in me, raises my Spirit and Strength to speak of his Goodness, and praise his great and good Name;* and added, *all that Man can do is but his Duty: Therefore the Lord, through his*

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Son, our Saviour, the immaculate Lamb, ought to have the Honour: And desired the Lord would be *a Shepherd to his People, as he had been and still was to her Soul, who had given her to enjoy sweet Pastures, and made her Heart exceedingly to overflow; and that his Staff and Rod had and still was her unexpressible Comfort.*

And as she frequently did in a sweet and heavenly Frame supplicate the Lord, so she did then, praising his eternal Name for his *Goodness to her Soul, and that she knew her Redeemer to live, and to be with her,* saying, *It's an easy Thing to talk of Death; but it is an unexpressible Comfort to be prepared for a dying Hour, and to meet Death, when it appears, cheerfully: As I now do, by the Help of the same Jesus, my Saviour, that suffered without the Gates of* Jerusalem. Then she prayed very fervently, *for the Return and Repentance of those that run into a loose and libertine Spirit; and that the Glory of God might appear in a particular Manner to the Inhabitants of this great City; and that God's Church might be preserved in perfect Peace, as a Light to the Beholders.*

Also, she prayed very earnestly for the young Generation, that the *Lord would incline their Hearts in their Visitation, in the Days of their Youth, to seek and serve him, before it was too late, as he had done to her Soul in her early Days; for which*, said she, *I have Cause for ever to admire his unexpressible Love.*

She bore the Extremity of her Distemper with more Cheerfulness and Discretion than was common, with a continual Resignation to the Will of God.

A few Hours before her Departure, she said, *Her Time in this World was near spent*, and cheerfully desired her Husband *to resign her up into the Bosom of her blessed Saviour*; and requested her Husband *to live in God's Fear, and serve him faithfully all his Days.*

She signified her Satisfaction in their coming together in Marriage, and declared, *the same Power that engaged and united their Spirits, now called her Home to God.*

Then she spent some Time in holy Supplication unto God, although she was

was very weak in Body, (yet fervent in Spirit) and she earnestly besought her heavenly Father, *that the Brightness of his Day might appear abundantly in his People and Churches all the World over.* Then embracing her Husband, took her Farewel in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Then she sent for her Husband's two Children (he had by a former Wife) whom she affectionately loved and treated as tenderly, whilst she lived with them, as if they were her own, embraced them in her Arms and took her Leave, advising and desiring them, being of Years of Understanding, *to seek, serve and love the eternal God in the Days of their Youth*: And declared unto them the Advantage they would receive thereby, and recommended them into the Hands of God, desiring he would *preserve them out of the Evil of the World*, (whilst they were therein) and fervently pray'd, *that they might be the Lord's Servants all their Days*; and desired them *to be dutiful to their Father, observe his Advice, and love their little Brother and Sister.* Her own Children being

being young, she took them in her Arms and affectionately embraced them, and desired the Lord would take them (with the two elder) to himself, when their Time here shall come to an End.

Then she sent for some of her Servants, to whom she gave good Counsel and Advice, recommending and exhorting them *to love, serve and fear the great and good God in the Days of their Youth, and whilst they have Strength*, signifying the Advantage they would receive thereby. Also gave them in Charge, *to take Care and discharge their Trust to her Children whilst they were with them*, and those of her Servants that were not present, she desired might be acquainted with her Advice to them.

She also signified her Heart was filled with the Love of God, in which she again desired the Prosperity of his Church and People.

Her Speech beginning to fail, she said, *I desire my dear Love to the Lord Jesus Christ may be remembred to all my Relations and Friends that ask after me, even in the same Love* (said she) *that now*

makes my Heart to overflow: And then declared her Satisfaction of going to her eternal Reſt, and again embracing her Huſband in her Arms, and in the Bowels of her Father's Love, ſweetly took Leave and bid him finally *Farewel*, and ſoon departed this Life, as quiet as one that ſleeps with much Sweetneſs, in *Briſtol*, the 3d of the Ninth Month 1714, after eleven Days Sickneſs, and was interred in Friends Burial-ground of that City, whoſe Love and Labour therein, in the Work of the Word of Life had been large (for her Time) and in the Parts aforeſaid: In which ſhe was bleſſed of God, and made ſucceſsful to the Good and Comfort of many.

She was a virtuous Woman, of a ſound Judgment, and very quick Underſtanding, abounding in true Love and Zeal for the Lord and his Truth; ſolid and grave, yet of a cheerful Diſpoſition, greatly deſiring the Good of all People, and that they might come to the Knowledge of the Truth, live therein, and enjoy Peace and Acceptance with the Lord.

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She was a faithful Minister of the Gospel of Peace; a good, virtuous, and affectionate Wife; a tender Mother; a loving Mistress; a true Friend, and of an exemplary Conversation in Holiness and true Piety.

Daniel Taylor, of *Bridport*, Shopkeeper, was convinced of the holy Truth in his young Days, about the nineteenth or twentieth Year of his Age, and received it in the Love thereof; and through its Work and Power in him, he became a very solid, grave religious Man, greatly serviceable in the Church of Christ, and exemplary in his Life and Conversation, adorning the Doctrine of God our Saviour, by walking as became his holy Profession, of which Jesus Christ is the Apostle and High Priest, until the Lord whom he loved was pleased to take him unto himself.

In the Time of Persecution, he was a cheerful Sufferer for the Testimony of Truth, both by Imprisonment and Spoil of Goods, which he took joyfully,

ly, whereby he became a Strength to his Brethren, who were Fellow-Sufferers with him: For he could pray for his Enemies, and had Love unto all Mankind, and desired their Salvation, knowing it was the Will of God.

And God blessed him with outward Substance, with which he honoured the Lord, and liberally, with Cheerfulness, gave great Part thereof to charitable Uses, as by his several Gifts and Legacies appear.

He was a great Friend to the Poor of all Sorts, and had a tender Regard to them, amongst whom he will be greatly missed, as well as in the Church.

His Sickness was but short, he kept his Bed but a few Days before his Departure: In which Time he was sweet in his Spirit, and had near Access to the Lord, and in much Humility said, O *thou great Jehovah, in whom is everlasting Strength, my Soul praises thee, and all that is within me blesses thy holy Name,*— Again, with more not named down, he said, *My Soul praises thee, and my Spirit magnifies thy holy Name.* He added, *My Love, in the Lord Jesus Christ, is to*

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all Friends; *I am*, said he, *in Love and Amity with them.* And being apprehensive his Departure drew near, he took his solemn Leave and Farewel of both his Relations and Friends that came to see him, praying for them, and gave wholsome Counsel and Advice to several; particularly the young Generation related to him, and likely to survive him in this World.

And being content in the Will of God, which he prayed for, and was answered in, he died the 7th of the Ninth Month 1714, in the 73d Year of his Age, and was honourably buried the 12th of the same, in Friends Burying-ground at *Bridport*, his Corpse being accompanied to the Grave by many of his Friends and Neighbours, and Testimony given to Truth both at the Meeting and Grave on that solemn Occasion.

JOhn *Thompson*, late of *Crook*, in the County of *Westmorland*, was very early convinced of the blessed Truth, in the Year 1652, by that eminent

Minister

Minister of the Gospel, *George Fox*, at his first going into those Parts.

The said *John Thompson* had been seeking the Way of the Lord for several Years, and when his Understanding came to be opened by the Light of Christ, unto which he was turned, he was convinced of the Truth and Way of the Lord, and his Soul greatly rejoiced that the Day was broken forth, which let him see the dry and empty Forms, and lifeless Religion he had been in. And although he had been strict in Profession, by the Light of Christ he then saw there were abundance of Things which were not agreeable to the Mind of the Lord. And the righteous Judgments of God he found to work in him, in order to redeem him out of those Things. And notwithstanding he saw the Way was streight, and the Sufferings many which he was like to meet with, yet through the Work of the Power of God, he was made willing to bear and go through all, even cruel Mocking, Buffetings, Revilings, Imprisonment, and Spoiling of Goods, and

and rejoiced the Lord made him willing to ſuffer for his Name's Sake.

He was zealous for the Truth againſt that libertine Spirit, which oppoſed the Diſcipline and good Order of the Goſpel, ſtanding as a Watchman upon *Sion*'s Walls, having a clear Diſcerning of many Things that might creep in to eclipſe her Glory, under whatſoever Pretence they might appear. And as the Light made them manifeſt, it placed Judgment in the Wiſdom of Truth upon the Tranſgreſſor.

After ſome Time the Lord was pleaſed to open his Mouth by way of Teſtimony for his bleſſed Truth, in which he faithfully laboured; and though he never travelled much abroad, yet his Miniſtry was reaching and refreſhing to them that heard, and edifying to the Churches where his Lot was caſt.

He was very tender towards that which was good in the leaſt Appearance of it; but very ſharp againſt that which was evil, eſpecially againſt thoſe that profeſſed the Truth, and were not faithful in that Teſtimony Truth had called them to bear, but gave way to a libertine

libertine Spirit, who were not willing to bear the Croſs. Oh! his Spirit was often grieved with ſuch, and he was made often ſharply to reprove them, being much concerned for their Good, and alſo for the Honour of Truth; often ſaying, *That thoſe who profeſſed the Truth and walked contrary to it, were the greateſt Enemies Truth had, being a ſtumbling Block in the Way of others.*

He ſuffered long Impriſonment upon the Account of his Teſtimony againſt that antichriſtian Yoke of *Tythes*, and alſo great Spoiling of Goods by Fines impoſed on him for his Teſtimony to the Truth; all which he bore patiently, and underwent with abundance of Pleaſure, having a Regard to the Recompence of Reward which would follow.

He ſtood valiantly through all thoſe Days of Tribulations and Sufferings, after which he lived to a good old Age.

He was viſited with Sickneſs the 11th of the Third Month 1715, and though his Pains were great, yet he bore them patiently, often ſaying, *That in a little Time all would be well.* One

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asked him how he was? He reply'd, (many being present) *I am very weak of Body and full of Pain, and it seems to me, as my Stay here must not be long: But I have had a long Time here, and the Lord hath been very kind to me beyond what I have desired or deserved; but all is well: The Lord's Power is over all, and there is no Guilt, no Condemnation, or Bar between the Lord and my Soul's Peace; but the pure holy Seed reigns over all, and I feel Life spring up into Dominion, and my Heart is comforted among you, my dear Friends.* And then he continued quiet, enjoying Peace with the Lord.

And thus he sweetly finished his Course the 26th of the Third Month 1715, at the House of *James Wilson*, and was buried in a decent Manner the 29th of the same, in Friends Burying-ground at *Kendal*; and though his earthly House be dissolved, yet we are satisfied he hath a House with God, eternal in the Heavens.

Aged 87 Years.

Samuel

SAmuel *Waldenfield*, late of *Buſh-hill* in the County of *Middleſex*, died the 7th of the Eighth Month 1715, at his own Houſe.

He was born about the Year 1652 at *Edmundſbury* in *Suffolk*, and after lived at *Sudbury* in the ſaid County.

He was religiouſly inclined in his Youth, and ſometimes a Hearer of the *Independants*.

About the Year 1670 or 71, he was, by the Word of Life, convinced of the bleſſed Truth, by that eminent Miniſter of the Goſpel of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, *Giles Barnardiſton*, and received it in [illegible] thereof, and came to be ob[illegible]unto, and to know the W[illegible] upon his Heart, and by keepi[illegible] the Teachings of the Grace of God, came to live a ſober and a godly Life, and was very zealous for the Lord and his holy Name and Truth.

It pleaſed the Lord about the Year 1672, to beſtow upon him a Gift of the Miniſtry; and the Lord called and ſent him forth to proclaim the acceptable

table Year of the Lord, and he published the glad Tidings of Peace, and proclaimed Liberty to the Captives by Christ, and for *Zion*'s Sake he could not hold his Peace, for *Jerusalem*'s Sake he could not rest, being greatly desirous that all might come to Christ the Light, and that the Abundance of the Sea might be converted, and the Forces of the *Gentiles* might come unto him: And in the Lord's Work he did freely spend, and was spent, in true Love and Zeal for the Lord's Name and Truth, and the Good of Souls: Travelling in *England*, *Scotland*, *Ireland*, *Holland* and *Germany*, and by his powerful preaching the Word of Life, and the Lord's Blessing on his La[illegible] convinced of the [illegible]ed from Darkness to Li[illegible]he Power of Satan unto Go[illegible] were as the Seals of his Minist[illegible].

He was loving and tender to those that truly loved and served the Lord, especially such, whether Male or Female, that the Lord called into his Work and Service, to speak a Word in

in Season to *Zion's* Travellers, and to comfort those that mourned.

In the Year 1684 he married and settled in *London*, and continued faithful and diligent in the Work he was called unto; and suffered for his Testimony by Imprisonment, *&c.* But when at Liberty, was frequent in Travels as before said, and visited the Churches of Christ in most of the Counties of this Nation, and much in the East Parts thereof. And his Labours of Love and Service was well received Abroad and at Home, and by his grave, solid and exemplary Conversation, he adorned the Doctrine of God our Saviour, and walked as became a M[illegible]l, and that holy [illegible], of which the L[illegible]rist is the High Priest and [illegible].

He was humble and merciful, very considerate of the Poor, ready to every good Work: And to communicate he did not forget.

He was in the Church of Christ an Elder worthy of double Honour.

About the Year 1706 he left the City and dwelt at *Bush-hill* aforesaid, being often not well in Health; but when he was, and not engaged in Travels, or other Services on Truth's Account, for the Ease of Friends he constantly attended the Meetings about where he lived, and his Testimony was clear, living and effectual, and reached the Witness of God both in Friends and others.

He also was very tender to the new Convinced, and administred suitable Advice to their several States, as a nursing Father, and encouraged all under a right Sense.

He had a more than ordinary Concern in Testimony, to [illegible] exhort *to such a good Life* [illegible] *sation as becomes our* Christia[illegible]*ion*, often signifying, *that coming to Meetings, or Pretence to Religion, and professing* Christianity, *was of little Value, without the Life and Conversation were agreeable.*

He often expressed himself to this Effect, *that the Pride, Liberty and ill Conversation of too many under the Profession of Truth and the* Christian *Religion,*

gion, was a great Grief and Exerciſe to him, and the Sins and Miſcarriages of ſuch adminiſtred unto him much Sorrow and Affliction; he being under great Exerciſe of Spirit for the *Proſperity of Truth*, and that *the Teſtimony thereof, in all the Branches of it, might be duly kept up*; *and that all Looſneſs, Pride and Haughtineſs, and that libertine Spirit that would lay waſte the Heritage of God, might be diſcouraged and ſuppreſſed*; *and that none might take upon them to be Rulers in the Church, but Men of Truth, Men fearing God and hating Covetouſneſs.*

This Concern grew upon him for ſeveral Years to the End of his Days. So that he zealouſly exhorted as aforeſaid, *to a holy and righteous Life, and all to be juſt and true in all their Concerns amongſt Men*: In which he was exemplary in his Practice, being a Man truly religious, and of an innocent and virtuous Life, full of Love, good Nature and good Works, punctual to his Word, juſt in his Dealings, a fair Trader, chuſing rather to ſuffer Injury than do any Wrong.

He was a bright Ornament to our holy Religion in his Converſation, and thereby great Reputation was gain'd to Truth and Friends, among both Rich and Poor with whom he was concerned. The Poor loved him, to whom he was courteous and charitable, and the Rich eſteemed him greatly, for his prudent and innocent Behaviour: So that his Company was acceptable and much deſired by them. And many who had entertained a mean Opinion of Friends as a People, ſince their Acquaintance and Converſation with him, have other Sentiments of them: And as he was beloved in his Life, ſo his Death was generally lamented.

He hath left ſo good a Name and Savour behind him, that his Memory will not be eaſily worn out, either among his Friends or others.

He was ill about two Months before his Deceaſe, and although he was often in great Pain, he bore it with wonderful Patience, and was frequently very chearful, though his End drew near; for the Sting of Death being [illegible]n away, Death was not terrible to him;

him; often ſignifying, *all was well with him*, and in much Tenderneſs ſaid, *I have done the Work of my Day; I have Peace of Conſcience; I have wronged no Man: I have received a great deal of Wrong and Injury, but I forgive them all, and I deſire the Lord may forgive them alſo. I die in Charity with all the World.*

Another Time he ſaid, *What a brave Thing it is for Friends to dwell in Unity; here we can ſit together as the Children of God, the Church of the Firſt-born, whoſe Names are written in Heaven. Truth is what will endure for ever, and be comfortable to the Children of Men, and the Lord will exalt it, and make* Zion *a quiet Habitation, and* Jeruſalem *the Praiſe of many Generations: He will exalt his Truth and Name in the Earth, and will bring down that which would oppoſe his Work, and will purge that out of the Church which is exalted, and ſetting up Self, and ruling in their own Will and Spirit: The Lord will do it all away. I have endeavoured to live inoffenſively towards God and Man. And now I have no Occaſion to repent that I have endeavoured to live well; and as I have no-*

thing to boaſt of, I have no Occaſion to complain, all is well.

Many more ſweet Expreſſions, in a tender heavenly Frame of Spirit, very affecting, he uttered to thoſe about him in the Time of his Sickneſs, that were not noted.

He continued in a ſweet compoſed Frame of Spirit and Reſignation of Mind to the laſt, and departed in great Peace the 7th of the Eighth Month 1715, and no doubt is in Eternal Reſt, receiving the Reward of his many faithful Labours and Services for the Truth, for the Promotion of which, as by the Account he kept of his Travels to the Year 1700, were near forty Thouſand Miles, beſides his Travels from the Year 1700 to 1715, in which he died, were alſo very conſiderable.

His Body was brought to *London*, and being greatly beloved by People of divers Profeſſions, his Corpſe was attended by a great Company from *Devonſhire-houſe* Meeting-place to the Burying-ground belonging to his Friends in *Bunhill-fields*, and there he was honourably interred.

Joſeph

Joſeph Welſh, of *Cheſham* in the County of *Bucks*, was born at *Aleſbury* in the ſaid County in the Year 1651, and was convinced of the Truth in 1674. And it pleaſed the Lord to call him forth in a publick Teſtimony about 1676, and he became a faithful Labourer and ſerviceable in the Work of the Lord in *Cheſham* and other adjacent Meetings, tho' for ſome Years paſt he was diſabled by Infirmities of Body.

He was a diligent Frequenter of Meetings of other Days as well as the Firſt-day. He was alſo a Promoter of good Order in the Church, and ſo continued to his End. His Teſtimony was attended with Life and Power, to the Comfort and Satisfaction of the Hearers.

A few Hours before his Death he declared, *The Lord hath a great Work to do in the Earth, and that it would go well with the Faithful, whom the Lord would hide in the Hollow of his Hand.*

This honeſt Man was a loving Huſband, a tender Father to his Children, and a lively Miniſter.

He departed this Life the 11th of the Eighth Month 1715, and was buried in Friends Burying-ground at *Cheſham* the 16th of the ſame, being accompanied by many Friends and others.

Aged about	63	Years.
A Miniſter about	39	

Suſannah, late Wife of *Edward Saunders*, of *Clifton* in *Bedfordſhire*, was one whom the Lord called and ſent to labour in the Miniſtry of the Word of Life, by which ſhe was fitted and qualified to labour in true Love for the Good of Souls, and left her Huſband and tender Children to preach the Goſpel freely, and to viſit the Churches of Chriſt in divers Parts of *England*, *Wales* and *Ireland*. And her Viſits were ſerviceable and acceptable, and her Converſation was as became the Profeſſion ſhe made.

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She landed in *Ireland* with her Companion *Benjamina Padley*, on the 10th of the Fifth Month 1715, and travelled in many Parts of that Nation, visiting moſt of Friends Meetings there. And on the 31ſt of the Seventh Month 1715 they came to *Lurgan*, and having been at ſome Meetings in that Town, on the 8th of the Eighth Month went to *Raffer-Iſland*, and the next Day were at a Marriage at the Houſe of *Jacob Wilſon*, where the ſaid *Suſannah Saunders* got with ſome Difficulty, being ill; but the Lord was pleaſed to enable her to bear Teſtimony for him: And afterwards was at a Meeting ten Miles further. And the Lord was with her and ſtrengthened her; but when the Meeting was over ſhe was very ill, and finding herſelf much out of order, her Companion deſiring her to go back, ſhe conſented; yet went to Meetings as long as ſhe was able.

On the 26th ſhe was at a Meeting, where ſhe was opened in Teſtimony to the great Satisfaction of Friends; for the Lord gave her ſuitable Ability to do what he required of her, which ſhe did

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perform to the Honour of his Name. But after this she weakened much, and her bodily Affliction was great, which she bore with much Patience and Resignation to the Will of God, and often declared *she thought she should not return Home*; yet said, *I am easy and resigned, and have endeavoured to discharge my Duty according to my small Measure, and have been freely given up to spend and be spent for the Gospel's Sake, and the Lord hath been good to me. I pity my dear Husband, and often think on him; but hope he'll be enabled to bear his Exercise. My poor little Babes will miss their Mother; but I commit them to him that gave them me, who I believe will take Care of them: The Lord took Care of me when I was tender in Age, and he hath been good to me from my Childhood.* And then she advised her Companion to Faithfulness and Watchfulness, and reminded her of the Goodness of God she had been made Partaker of; and was fervent to the Lord for her Preservation; and that she might *give her up freely to the Lord's disposing Hand*; and that he might *endue her with Patience to*

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bear her Exerciſe; and in a very tender and ſenſible manner expreſſed herſelf, ſaying, *I have a ſecret Hope it will be well with me.* And then ſaid again, *Freely I reſign myſelf into the Hand of God:* And ſhe returned Thanks unto him for her Preſervation.

Another Time ſeveral Friends being preſent, ſhe ſaid, *There is great Satisfaction in an eaſy Mind: I have great Peace in that I have been faithful. I have not ſpared this Piece of Clay; but while I had Strength I have been willing to anſwer what I was called unto: And now it ſeems as if my Time was nigh at an End.*

At another Time ſhe ſaid to her Companion, *The Lord has been good to thee; be faithful, for it's good to have an eaſy Mind.*

One Night ſhe ſeem'd as if ſhe was nigh to depart this Life, her Companion being in Sorrow, ſhe took her by the Hand and ſaid, *Dear Child, give me up freely, and have thy Eye to the Lord, and he will be with thee, and give thee Strength: He has been with me, and I can ſay, It is a good Thing to have a clear Mind at ſuch a Time as this.*

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Again, *How vain are Men to be so taken up with the Concerns of this Life, and seeking to get Riches in this World? What is this World worth? It is not worthy to be compared with the Joys of Heaven; they that are faithful to the Lord will have their Reward. I am now glad that I served the Lord, for I feel the Peace and Satisfaction of it, and find nothing, but all is well. I cannot say when I shall go, but it seems as if it might not be long; however, that is in the Hand of the Lord, and I am resigned whether in Life or Death.* Much more she said to them that were about her, exhorting them *to fear the Lord, and to seek a Portion in Truth, which*, she said, *would be more to them, when they were about to leave this World, than any other Enjoyment.*

Another Time she said, *The Man is blessed whose God is the Lord.* Again, *It's a good Thing to have the Mind truly stayed upon God, they shall be kept in perfect Peace: A great Mercy! A mighty Privilege!*

Another Time, being very ill, and to Appearance nigh unto Death, her Companion being sorrowful and loth to

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part with her, *Susannah* took her by the Hand and kissed her, saying, *Dear Child, why wilt thou hold me? Let me go, and do not be sorrowful, but keep to the Lord and he will preserve thee. Farewel. Be good and do well, and the Lord will bring thee through all, thou hast some light Afflictions yet to pass through; but be not discouraged, nor do not look at what may seem mountainous, but be watchful and look to the Lord, and that Hand that hath hitherto helped thee, will help thee.*

And then she said to Friends, *Dear Friends, love Truth, it's excellent, it's above Rubies, Oh! it's pretious, it's above all Things, it makes a Death-bed easy: I am glad my Lot is cast in this Place, with a couple of young Plants that love Truth, keep to it and it will make you noble. Dear Landlady farewel; the Blessings of the everlasting Hills be upon your Heads, the Lord bless you and make you serviceable in his Church.* Then speaking of her Illness, said, *All that I crave now is Patience, that I may hold out to the End, that I may not dishonour the Lord: The Honour of his Name has been as dear to me as my Life.*

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A few Days before she died, several Friends came to see her, and after some Time her Mouth was opened amongst them in a sweet Exhortation to love Truth and keep to it, and to be watchful and to keep to the Lord, and not let their Minds be too much after the World, and testifying of the Goodness of the Lord, she committed them, with her own Soul, to his Protection, giving Honour to his Name.—That Night she was very ill, and said, *It's hard Work to leave this World, one had not need have any Thing else to do*, or to that Purpose.

Next Day, being First-day, she was very much weakened, and some Friends coming in that Evening to see her, she said, *I am glad to see so many of you, I did not expect to have been here so long: —I am long a dying, it's hard Work to die.* Then Friends sitting in Silence a while, she exhorted them to Faithfulness and Diligence, and to love Truth, and to seek the Honour of God, adding, *Oh! that the Youth of our Age would love Truth, and seek the Lord, and serve him in their youthful Time, they'll*

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have the Benefit of it, it would be more to them than all the World: But many of them are careleſs, and contenting themſelves with a Profeſſion, and that will do nothing for them: My Soul hath often mourned for the Youth of our Time, and I have been under great Travail of Soul, that they might come to fear the Lord; but there are many of them that grieve the Lord, and are following the Pleaſures of this World. Friends, love Truth and it will make you noble: Oh! that the Elders would love Truth, there are Elders that love the Lord, and they are a Comfort and a Strength to the Youth that fear God, and to one another; they are as Joints and Bands that cannot eaſily be broken, my Soul loves them: And ſeeing it was the Will of the Lord to viſit me with Weakneſs, ſo that I am not likely ever to ſee my Habitation again, I am thankful my Lot was caſt in this Place. Dear Friends, keep near Truth, and it will keep you in a trying Time; for there is a trying Time approaching, in which there will be great Deſolation. With much more to the ſame Purpoſe. She often ſpake of the Goodneſs of God to her from her very Childhood, and enume-

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rated his Favour, and acknowledging his Care, ſaid, *He had been a tender Father unto her, and ſhe believed he would be ſo to hers.* Her Affliction being great, ſhe beſought the Lord, in a humble Frame, that he would be pleaſed either to relieve her or releaſe her, or to give her Patience that ſhe might not murmur. Then looking on them about her, ſaid, *It's hard Work to go out of this troubleſome World.*

About four Days before ſhe died ſhe writ to her Husband, wherein ſhe ſignified, that *ſhe weakened daily*, and that *the Lord by his divine Hand had wrought a Willingneſs in her to ſpend and be ſpent for his Name's Sake*,—and that *ſhe felt ſweet Comfort, Quietneſs and Content, which*, ſaid ſhe, *out ballanceth all Things elſe. My Dear, I fervently deſire the Lord may be with thee, and bring thee to a Reſignation: And ſtand faithful in every Branch of thy Teſtimony for the bleſſed Truth; thou wilt have the Comfort of it.* —*Dear Heart, if I ſhould never ſee thy Face more, I deſire thee to take Care of our tender Babes, and bring them up, as much as in thee lies, in the Fear of the Lord: I*

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have been deeply bowed on their Accounts, am fully satisfied, if they live, the Lord will visit them in their tender Years, and it seems to me as if my dear Susannah *may tread, in many Respects, in her Mother's Steps; the Lord preserve her, and bring her to chuse him for her Portion, then it will be well, and she may be serviceable when my Head is laid in the silent Grave. My dear little Boy, if he grow up, it will be hard for him to submit to the Yoke, yet I secretly hope he will in Time be made to bow, which is some Satisfaction to my Mind: I must commit them to the tender Care and Protection of him that gave me them:* With more not abstracted, which she concludes in Bowels of intire Love, his affectionate Wife, *&c.*

The Day she departed, sitting in a Chair, the Pangs of Death being upon her, she desired to lie down, which she did, and waited for her Change, and *R. H.* being there, was concerned in Supplication for her: When he had done, she said, *There is a divine Hand has laid some Hold at this Time*, and so went on sweetly, declaring of the Goodness of God, and desiring Friends might

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be faithful, warning them of the Judgments of God that were near to be poured forth upon the Nations, and exhorted them to flee to the Lord, who would be their Defence and ſtrong Tower, in the Time of Diſtreſs. And having ſpoke much of the Wrath of God that was ready to break forth, exhorted Friends to abide upon the Rock. Then ſhe brake forth in a ſweet Manner, ſetting forth the Glory of the Kingdom of Chriſt, that the Lord, after he had puniſhed the Nations, would exalt the Kingdom of his Son, and ſet him upon his holy Hill of *Zion*, and all Nations ſhould flow unto him, and he ſhould exalt the Scepter of his Righteouſneſs above all Scepters, and his Kingdom above all Kingdoms. Then bleſſing God for his Preſervation and Mercy towards her, and for the Aſſurance given her that it would be well with her, ſhe ſaid, *I have not ſought a Name nor Fame among Men; but have diſcharged myſelf faithfully in the Sight of God: I have not deſired to appear in Shew what I was not; but to be in Subſtance more than I appeared to Men. And it was neither for Honour nor*

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Eſteem that I left my dear Huſband and tender Babes; but that I might anſwer the Will of God, and in a Concern for the Promotion of Truth, and the Honour of God. Deſiring the Lord would bleſs his People in that Nation, and particularly that Meeting and Family where ſhe then was, and reward Friends for their Love and Care towards her. She continued her Exhortation to them to be faithful; ſhe again declared of the Goodneſs and Mercy of God: And ſo lay in a ſweet Frame of Spirit, giving Glory to God and magnifying his Power, until her Strength and Speech failed, and then, lying ſtill, ſhe looked on them there with a pleaſant Countenance, (as one that had a Sight of the Joys ſhe was entring into;) and about the 7th Hour in the Evening departed this Life, the 9th of the Ninth Month 1715, and was buried the 12th of the ſame in Friends Burying-ground in *Lurgan*, her Corpſe being accompanied by a large Number of Friends and others; and there was a good Meeting, in which the Glory of Truth was eminently manifeſted, to the tendring of

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many Hearts, which was as a Seal upon the Spirits of Friends, that it was well with her.

Aged about 38 } Years.
A Minister 18 }

THomas *Williamson*, late of *Bannerig* in *Applethwait*, in the Parish of *Windmoor* and County of *Westmorland*, was born at *Common* in the said Parish, about the latter End of the Fourth Month 1633, of honest Parents and of good Report, educated according to the Manner of the Church of *England*.

He was naturally of a cheerful and free Disposition, inclining in his Youth to the Vanities and Pastimes, in which too many spend their precious Time, though he at that Time was very circumspect in observing those outward Performances he esteemed *religious Duties*. But in the Year 1670, it pleased the Lord to visit him with some Affliction of Body, and to open his Understanding to see the Emptiness of all his former formal

formed Profession, and the Vanities of his past Life, and Sorrow and Distress took hold upon him for it, and Cries and Breathings were raised in him unto the Lord, *that he would shew him his Way, and he would walk in it.* And it pleased the Lord to answer his Desire, and to convince him of the blessed Truth, which he received with Joy and Gladness, before he had been at any Meeting of the People called *Quakers*: And he gave up thereunto according to his Understanding.

About the latter End of the Year 1673, his Mouth was opened in a publick Testimony to declare the Goodness of the Lord to him, and to encourage all unto Faithfulness, in which he was a good Example, and a considerable Sufferer for his Testimony, both by Imprisonment and Spoiling of Goods.

In the Year 1678, he was imprisoned three Months for preaching Truth in a Steeple-house, and most of his Goods were taken from him, by some Justices, on the *Conventicle Act*: For he was not only fined for himself, but *Ten Pounds* laid on him for being present

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at a Meeting held at *Bownass*, the 15th of the Seventh Month 1678.

His Teſtimony he delivered in much Plainneſs and Simplicity. He was tender to the Good in all, though ſharp in rebuking that which was Evil. He was a Man that feared God, ſincerely loved Truth, and hated Hypocriſy and Deceit; found in Judgment, of a good Converſation; juſt and honeſt towards all Men; bold and valiant for Truth upon Earth; undaunted in Suffering, rejoicing the Lord had counted him worthy to ſuffer for his Name's Sake; zealous in his Teſtimony againſt the Payment of *Tithes*, and thoſe called *Church Rates*, for which he was a conſtant Sufferer, and an Encourager of others alſo to Faithfulneſs therein; diligent in reading the Holy Scriptures, and in attending of Meetings, as well thoſe for good Order in the Church, as thoſe for the Worſhip of God, until by Age and Infirmity of Body he was deprived of that Privilege. He often ſaid, *The Worſhip of God, and the Good of the Church, ought to be preferred before our Buſineſs.*

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He truly confided in the Lord, and gave this Teſtimony on his dying Bed, *That God had dealt bountifully with his Soul, and had given him all he had need of; and that he had Peace with the Lord, and his Soul was returning into Reſt*; with more Words not noted.

He died the 22d of the Tenth Month 1715, and was buried at *Kendal* the 25th of the ſame.

Aged about 82 } Years.
A Miniſter about 40 }

John Cloſe, was convinced of the bleſſed Truth about the Year 1705, and was very diligent in frequenting Meetings, though it was through much Difficulty at Times, by reaſon of his Father's Unwillingneſs and Averſion thereunto; nevertheleſs he, having a due Regard to Truth, was preſerved ſo blameleſs in Converſation, that he not only gained upon his Father to leave him to his Liberty, but was likewiſe inſtrumental towards convincing his Brother and two Siſters.

After some Time he received a Gift of the Ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ, in which he laboured faithfully and fervently, being found in Doctrine.

He travelled much in Truth's Service, visiting the Southern Parts of this Nation divers Times, as well as Counties nearer Home, and in *Scotland*, *Holland* and *Wales*, being zealously concern'd for the Prosperity of Truth and the Promotion thereof. And was an Encourager of the Good in all, and careful to suppress every Appearance of Evil; very diligent in visiting the Afflicted. His Care over the Church was great, his Advice seasonable, his Judgment sound, he was chiefly concerned for the Honour of Truth, and that Friends therein might live in Unity, and be at Peace one with another.

In the Beginning of the Eleventh Month 1715, having Drawings upon his Spirit to visit Friends in *Cumberland*, he went with the Unity of the Brethren and visited several Meetings in that County. On the 15th of the same he was at *Wigton*, where he began to be ill; the next Day he travelled to

Holme Meeting, where notwithstanding his Illness, he bore a faithful Testimony, to the great Satisfaction of Friends.

That Evening he came to a Meeting at *Allonby*; but his Sickness increasing, he sate but a little Time in the Meeting, and signified in a few Words, *he felt the Goodness of the Lord upon his Spirit, and his Gladness thereof*; and advised Friends *to be faithful and steadfast in their Love to God, and do whatever they could for the Lord in their Day and Time*; adding, *he believed some in that Place had not long to live in this World.*

And so took his Leave of the Meeting and went into his Chamber, where he continued the most Part of two Weeks; but by reason of his Distemper (the *Small-Pox*) lying heavy upon him, he could not speak much without great Uneasiness, yet he bore it with great Patience, and whilst his Speech continued, some Friends sitting by him, he said, *We had Need to be prepared for our Change, when Sickness comes we have enough to grapple with, and not to have our Peace with the Lord to make then.*

He was ſeveral Times exerciſed in Prayer to the Lord, and one Time to this Effect, *Lord, thou that haſt been with me in the Deeps, leave me not to the End.*

The Day before he died, being aſked how he had reſted? he ſaid, *I think I know when my Reſt will be, To-morrow Morning, ſome Time after the Day be light*; at which Time he died, being the 27th of the Eleventh Month, and Sixth-day of the Week. And was buried the 29th in Friends Burying-ground at *Allonby* in *Cumberland*, and his Corpſe accompanied by many Friends and others. And it's aſſuredly believed that he is entered into that Reſt that is prepared for the Righteous.

Aged about 35 } Years.
A Miniſter 9 }

William Greenup, late of *Flatts* in *Cumberland*, a worthy and faithful Servant of the Lord, his Name remains among the Living, his Service and Footſteps may be exemplary to thoſe that ſucceed him, to follow.

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He was of great Value and Eſteem, being an Elder worthy of double Honour, the Lord having committed unto him a Gift of the Miniſtry, and his Teſtimony was living and powerful. He was fervent in Prayer, and his Doctrine ſound, delivered in the Power and Demonſtration of the Spirit, and to the Edification and Comfort of all the true and faithful among whom he miniſtred. He was greatly helpful to to the Meeting to which he did belong, in managing the Affairs of Truth, being zealouſly concerned for the keeping up, maintaining and promoting good Order in the Church, and often adviſed Friends to Faithfulneſs, and to keep up their Teſtimony againſt undue Liberty.

He laboured to preſerve Love and Unity among Brethren, and travelled for the Promotion of Truth in many Parts of this Nation, as alſo in *Ireland*, *Scotland* and *Wales*. His Labour and Travel were both in Body and Spirit, to bring Men to the Knowledge of the Truth, and to be acquainted with the Lord, and to know their Peace made with him.

Several were convinced by his Testimony, and not only so, but became Fellow-Labourers with him in the Ministry.

He was very careful and tender over such who were young in the Experience of Truth, and where he saw good Inclinations to grow, would often encourage them to their great Help and Comfort, as several have good Cause to remember. So that the Loss of him is great, tho' his being taken away is his Gain, being one that truly loved and feared the Lord, and was freely devoted to serve Truth, and his Heart and House were free and open to entertain Friends: For it pleased the Lord to incline his Heart first to seek the Kingdom of God and the Righteousness thereof in his young Years, and as he gave up in Obedience to the Lord, he increased his Faith and Knowledge; so that he was made able not only to believe, but suffer for his Name. And that which crowned his Labours, he kept faithful and stedfast to the End.

He was sorely afflicted with a Pain in his Head for some Months, then it pleased the Lord to visit him with a

sharp Sickness for about three Days, which he endured with much Patience, as was observed by those that went to visit him, to whom he expressed his being freely resigned to the Lord's Will, whether to live or die.

This good Man departed this Life the 4th of the First Month 1716, and was buried in Friends Burying-ground near his own House, at *Flatts* in *Cumberland*. Aged 75 Years.

Richard Ransom, Miller, late of *Norwalsome* near *Norwich*, in the County of *Norfolk*, was convinced of the holy Truth about the Year 1676, and to him, through the Lord's Mercy, it was given not only to believe in God and in Jesus Christ his Son, but also to suffer long and hard Imprisonment for his Name's Sake near fifteen Years: And he was faithful and zealous for the Lord, and the Lord was pleased to qualify, call and send him forth freely to preach the Gospel of Peace and of the Grace of God, and he did attend him with his Presence and Power, and bless his Labours of Love for the Good of Souls. And he travelled

much in *England*, *Wales*, *Scotland* and *Ireland*.

In his Travels in *Glocestershire* he was taken ill, and at *Bristol*, in the Ninth Month 1716, he took his Bed, being visited with the *Small Pox*; which when he perceived, he said, *That as the Lord had carried him through the Nations to this Time, and now to lay this Distemper on him, he thought it was for his End.* So he made his Will, and desired a Letter might be wrote to his Wife and Children. And considering the great Distance they were from him, he had no Desire of their coming to him; but desired his *near and dear Love might be remembred unto them, with fervent Desires to the Lord for their Preservation in the Truth, that they might be kept in true Faithfulness and Obedience to his Requirings, and that in this their Exercise, they may keep in true Patience and Obedience to the Lord, who would keep and provide for them to the End of their Days, as he had done hitherto.*

He said to Friends at *Bristol*, *he was glad to see them, and that which makes me*, said he, *more glad, is to find Truth alive amongst you: Keep to Truth, the pure*

Truth, the unspotted Truth, and that will keep you a clean People to God; keep to Truth, and that will be over all: And prayed, *that the Lord would be with his young ones, which he was bringing up.*

Another Time he said to Friends, *Poor Things! do you stand faithful for God and his Truth: Be valiant for the Truth, and it will be a Comfort to you, as it's given way unto, it will come up into Dominion and be over all. I know what I say, I have felt the Comfort of it many a Time, and do now to this very Day.* Then he spake of the Meeting he had been at, at *Thornbury*, saying, *I got Comfort there; Friends were near to my Life.*—Also said, *I am glad to see the Lord is at work, he is bringing forth a People that shall stand faithful to him.* After a Time he kneeled down and pray'd fervently for them.

On the 2d of the Ninth Month he took his Bed, and several Friends came to see him, to whom he said, *Friends, the Lord hath given me an Understanding, and hath let me see many Years ago, but more especially of late, why he afflicted his little ones; it is in order to drive them nearer Home to himself; for the Lord is about to try his People: But, dear Friends,*

be not discouraged: for though you may go through the Fire, and through the Water, the Lord's Arm is underneath: My Soul is a living Witness of it, and I speak it for your Encouragement, for Jesus carries his Lambs in his Arms, and leads his along into the low Valleys, in green Pastures of Life, and to lie down at at Noon-day, where none shall make them afraid.—The Lord is faithful to all those that trust in him: Therefore be you faithful and not wavering; for those that waver are like the Waves of the Sea. There is a Day a coming, and will come, that shall try the Foundations of all, Young and Old; and those that are not established on the Rock shall be blown away: But the Lord is raising up some that shall stand as Iron Pillars for his Truth, and shall not value their Lives unto the Death.

Another Time he said, Friends, I desire you not to look at any Instrument, but let your Trust be in the God of Israel, who shall keep and preserve you, as he hath my Soul. And then he prayed, that the Lord would bless Friends in their Meetings, and in their Families, and to comfort his afflicted Wife and Children, which he had left behind, and that the Lord would bless and preserve his little Ones in this City.

Again, from this little Silence, I have another Word rise in my Heart to speak to you all which is this, Endeavour to delight in Silence, worship the Lord in the Silence of all Flesh: Retire in your own Families from the Clutter and Hurries of Business of the World, and wait upon the Lord in Stillness; for the Lord will have a willing People.

A Friend expressed his Concern, that he should be so suddainly taken, and with such a dangerous Distemper; he reply'd, in a very comfortable Manner, *I am well satisfied and content with the Will of the Lord therein*; and further signified, *that he found nothing troubled him, and he was clear, and easy, and willing to die*. And bid the Friend give his dear Love to Friends at Bath.—and in a solemn and sweet Frame said, *Farewel; if I never see thee more, beware to keep to Truth, and that will keep thee, and don't part with for Love thy Sense of that for any Thing whatsoever*.

Another Time, not long before he died, he said to Friends about him, *I am glad to see you, and it is a Comfort to me this Day; and I am well pleased that I was brought hither to die with you*,

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and that I shall lay my Bones with you at Bristol. *I desire you (viz. Susannah Thurston and Susannah Parker of Thornbury) that you would be at my Burial; it's the last Office of Love you can shew me, and send for* John Hodges *and* Henry Sanger.

To some Friends that were going to Meeting, he said, (this was not long before he died) *The Lord be with you, the Lord be with you: I hope you'll have a good Meeting.*

Another Time he said, *I have made it my Care to be obedient to what the Lord hath required of me, and in that I find Peace and Satisfaction. Peace on a dying Bed is more than all, and I bless God, I can say in Truth without boasting, I feel his Peace: I am easy and freely resigned in his Will, and have nothing to do but to die; for I have faithfully discharged myself of what the Lord required of me, and am going to receive the Reward of my Doings.*

Friends taking their Leave of him he said, in a weighty Frame of Mind, *Farewel, Farewel, Farewel in the Lord Jesus; for in him alone it is we can fare well.*

About Half an Hour before he died, he was raised up in his Bed, and said

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to Friends, *What need have we to center down in the Night Season, to feel bleſſed Jeſus, ſweet Jeſus, heavenly Jeſus to commune with us; for when he comes he puts an End to all Rovings and Hurries which are in the World, with many Trials, Tribulations and Afflictions, which riſe not out of the Duſt: But dear Friends, Iſrael's God will not leave his afflicted Ones, for he will proſper his Work which he hath begun, and ye ſhall ſee it as you are faithful; and here you ſhall be made Witneſſes, that one Hour in the Preſence of the Lord is better than a Thouſand elſewhere: For in the World are Trouble, Strife, Animoſities and Contentions you may ſee; but all this will come to an End, as we keep in the Patience and Stillneſs of Jeſus; for that will conduct us ſafe to our deſired Reſt, where all Sorrows will ceaſe, and Tears be wiped away; and that you may be preſerved in true Faithfulneſs, is the Deſire of my Soul.*

And in about Half an Hour after he departed in Peace, the 8th Day of the Ninth Month, about Midnight, 1716. He was buried the 10th of the ſame Month, in Friends Burying-ground in *Briſtol*.

John

JOhn Dickinson, late of Berkhouse in Grayrig in the County of Westmorland; a few Hours before his Departure, some Friends being there, he said, *I have taken an Inspection into the Course of my Life, since the Time of my Convincement, and I have no ill Thing to accuse myself with; for the Fear of the Lord was before mine Eyes, by which I was preserved: Only,* said he, *when I was set at Liberty from my Imprisonment, I thought myself too eager for the getting of this World together; yet,* added he, *I have not to charge myself with oppressing any Man; but what I have, I obtained it honestly.* And then he said, *I have great Peace in that I have been faithful in bearing my Testimony against the Payment of Tithes; for,* said he, *I could never neither pay, nor suffer any to pay for me, hating in my Heart such Hypocrisy.* And to Friends by him, said, *Give up freely to come to Week-day Meetings, to wait upon God to feel him to renew your Strength: For when I had Work and Business, I could not be easy to stay from a Week-day Meeting; I felt the Movings of Truth to draw me, and set me at Liberty from my outward*

ward Employ; not only for my own Growth, but that I might be exemplary to others.

The Quarterly-Meeting at *Kendal* gave the following Testimony, the 17th of the Second Month 1712, concerning *John Dickinson*.

'HE was one whom the Lord was 'pleased to visit in his young and 'tender Years: In the Time of his Ap-'prenticeship he was convinced of the 'blessed Truth, and afterward suffered 'great Cruelty from his Master for 'using the single Language; And tho' 'his said Master beat him often, to the 'Loss of much Blood, yet he bore it 'patiently, and did not shrink in his 'Testimony which God had given him 'to bear; upon which Occasion he ex-'pressed to several the great Peace and 'Comfort he had from God to his Soul.

'Some Time after his Apprenticeship 'it pleased the Lord to open his Mouth 'in a powerful and living Testimony, 'which was to the great Comfort of 'Friends, and the Edification of the 'Churches of Christ where his Travels 'were; which were mostly in several 'of the Northern Counties, and in *Scot-*

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'land, and divers were convinc'd by him.

'He was valiant for the Truth upon 'Earth, and did not turn his Back in 'the Day of Battle; but suffered joy-'fully the Spoiling of his Goods, Im-'prisonments and other Hardships, 'counting the Reproaches of Christ 'great Riches; it being given him not 'only to believe, but to suffer for his 'Name.

'He was a Man well beloved of his 'Brethren, and always had a tender 'Regard for the Preservation of Unity 'in the Spirit of Truth, a Man very 'careful in answering his Word and 'Promise to Men; just in his Dealing, 'often advising Friends to be true to 'God, and then they would be just in 'their Dealing with Men: So that we 'have good Ground to believe, that his 'latter End was happy, and that he fi-'nish'd his Course in Peace with the Lord.

'Thus far we found ourselves obliged 'in Duty to revive the Memory of our 'deceased Friend, that those of succeed-'ing Generations may know how our 'Antients came to receive the Truth in 'this latter Age of the World, after so 'tedious and long Night of Apostacy;

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'that those who succeed may walk worthy of the Privileges they now enjoy, 'who are enter'd into the Labours of 'of the Antients, and reap the Fruits 'thereof.

Signed at our Quarterly-Meeting at *Kendal*, the 17th of the Second Month 1712, by

Samuel Parrat, *Joseph Peason*,
William Williamson, *John Towanson*,
Nicholas Booke, *Richard Skyring*,
John Skyring, *Robert Thompson*,
John Jopson, *Joseph Atkinson*.

Ruth, Wife of *Thomas Willan*, of *Sedberg* in the County of *York*, and Daughter of *Thomas Robertson*, of *Grayrig* in the County of *Westmorland*, was educated in the Way of Truth, as professed by the People called *Quakers*, and of an innocent Life and good Conversation, well beloved of her Friends and Neighbours, and lived in great Unity.

She was long troubled with an *Asthma*, or Shortness of Breath, which she bore with great Patience.

In the Time of Weakness, towards her latter End, she admonished her

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Children *to take the Advice of good Friends, and be subject to their Father, and to keep to Plainness in their Apparel, and not covet after high Matters; for she never did.* And that *the Lord had blessed her, and had been good to her every way.* And she was resigned and willing to leave this World, as she signified several Times. She also said at another Time, when her Husband, Children, and several Friends were present, who came to visit her, *The Lord hath blessed us both inwardly and outwardly, and I dearly love my Husband and Children*, who were crying about her Bed; and she said, *My Mind is taken off from all visible Enjoyments*; and blessed God upon her sick Bed, saying, *I bless God's holy Name for the many sweet and comfortable Seasons I have had upon my sick Bed.*

She was never heard to murmur in all the Time of her Weakness, but lay in a sweet and quiet Frame of Spirit. She was visited by many Friends and Neighbours, to whom she said, *I am not able to express the Goodness of God I have felt to my Soul.* Saying also, *I am glad I have been charitable to the Poor, and that I have done Good in my Body and Time:*

Time, I have the Comfort of it now, and great Satisfaction therein.

She was a charitable Woman to the Poor, and took great Delight to serve and entertain her Friends.

A little before her Departure she told her Husband, *she had had a sweet Dream or Vision, and Sight of a glorious Place she was going to*; and that *she should have an easy Passage out of this World*; and asked him, *If he thought she might continue another Night?* But, said she, *I am willing to wait the Lord's Time, tho' I had rather be dissolved, and be with Christ.* Her Husband said, he hoped she might.

She was sensible to the last, and in the Evening she departed this Life very quietly, like one falling into a sweet Sleep, and is at Rest with the Lord for ever. She was aged 45 Years and 6 Days.

Richard Hingston, a ministring Friend, of the Town of *Plymouth*, in the County of *Devon*, being on a Journey to visit Friends in *Cornwall*, was taken sick with a Fever the 4th of the First Month, at the House of *Thomas Giddy*,

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of the Parish of *Kea*, being about 40 Miles short of his Home.

In all the Time of his Sickness he was endued with Patience, and many Times declared, *I am content in the Will of God, either to live or to die.—To live a little longer for my Families Sake, I could desire; but if the Lord be pleased that I must lay down my Head here, I am content: I shall lay down my Head in Peace with God, and in Love with all Men*; adding several Times, and upon several Occasions, *I have made it my Business from my Youth, to make my Peace with God*, &c.

On the 8th Day of the aforesaid Month, his mournful Wife came to see him, and he, lifting up his Hands and Eyes, said, *I am thankful to God that it is our Lot to see each other again: We came together in Joy and in Love, and so let us part. I desire thee and our Children may live in the Fear of God, and in Humility, and you'll never want.* His Wife asked him, *Whether he had any Thing upon his Mind concerning his outward Affairs?* He answered her, *Trouble me not about the World*, saying, *he had in the Time of his Health declared unto her how Things should be.*

Several

Several Friends aſked him from Time to Time, how he did? his Anſwer was, *I am full of Pain, and in hard Labour: But I bleſs God, it is well with me as to my inward Condition.* And declared *how well it is to make Preparation for Death in the Time of Health*; and *how unfit poor Mortals are for ſuch a Work in the Time of Sickneſs.*—With pretty much more to this Effect not noted down.

And on the 10th of the ſaid Month he quietly departed this Life, and his Body was decently buried in Friends Burying-Place, in the Pariſh of *Kea*, the 12th of the Eleventh Month, and accompanied with many Friends and others from divers Parts, where Teſtimony was given relating to eternal Life, to the great Satisfaction of the Concourſe of People.

Alexander Clarke, by Occupation a Shepherd, whom the Lord viſited in his Youth, when given to Pleaſure and worldly Delights, and begat in him a true Hunger and Thirſt after the Knowledge of God and his Truth, and he was drawn from the publick Ways of Worſhip of divers that profeſſed God

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and Christ, and from following those that said, *Lo, here is Christ*, and, *Lo, there*; seeing by the Light of Christ in his Heart, that their Lives and Conversation were not agreeable to their Profession; and he became earnest in his Desires, to join with those whose Lives and Conversations were agreeable to that holy Profession, of which Christ was the High Priest and Apostle. And observing the Lives and Conversations of the People called *Quakers* to be agreeable thereunto, he inclined to hear them, and to be joined unto them: But was cautioned by those Professors that knew him, *to beware of the Quakers*, telling him, *they were an erroneous and pernicious People*. So that he became an earnest Contender against them; yet some Time after this he went to hear them at *Geddington* in the County of *Northampton*, and after at *Wellingborough*, where that zealous Minister and Servant of Christ, *William Dewsbery*, preached the Gospel powerfully; so that *Alexander Clarke* was convinced, and became a frequent Attender of Friends Meetings, received the Truth in the Love of it, and waited upon the

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Lord in Silence, and came to know the Spirit and Power of God to work in and upon him, and he became a faithful Follower of him.

And when the Lord had fitted him for his Work, he committed to him a Dispensation of the Gospel of Peace, and the Word of the Lord came to him as he was following his Flock in the Field, and said to him, *Be thou faithful, and thou shalt Prophesy*: And indeed he did, and freely preached the Gospel of Christ. Though he knew not Letters, he was well acquainted with the Word of Life, and he often reached to the Hearers, and stirred up Friends to feel Life, and was instrumental to bring them to the Feeling thereof, as they witnessed, to whom he would often appeal or say, *Ye are my Witnesses in the Lord, that I am his Servant to serve you in Love, and that I preach not myself, but Christ the Lord.*

He laboured in his Master's Harvest near forty Years, and a little before he died he gave Friends that came to visit him much good Counsel and *Christian* Advice, which is not inserted, because not taken down in Writing, and told them,

them, *he had finished his Course*; and charged his Family *to love God and each other, and not to forget the Lord*, saying, *Grace teacheth us all*; which was the last Sentence.

So this faithful Servant of the Lord kept the Faith, finished his Course, and fell asleep in the Lord, and is at Rest.

He died in the 75th Year of his Age, having been a Minister 40 Years. Many Friends attended his Body to the Burying-ground at *Kittering* in *Northamptonshire*, where he was honourably buried.

Christopher Pearson, of *Ulluck* in *Cumberland*, when he was a Lad, went to a Meeting of the People called *Quakers*, at *Pardsey-Cragg* in the said County, to scoff at them, in the Year 1656; but when he heard the Messengers of the Gospel of Christ, declare the everlasting Truth, who were sent of God to turn People from Darkness to the Light of the Lord Jesus Christ, thro' their Testimony; he was convinced by the Spirit of Truth, and was thereby reproved for his Vanity, and was reached by the Lord's Power, and came to know the Work of it, and to

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wait upon the Lord therein, to witneſs a being cleanſed thereby, and his Faith to ſtand in it; and ſo to experience the Sufficiency of it. And it was not only given unto him to believe in the Lord Jeſus, but alſo to ſuffer joyfully for his Sake the Spoiling of his Goods, and in his deepeſt Sufferings he was ſupported.

A few Days before he died, he ſaid, *The Lord hath been kind to me from a Child, and hath done more for me than I could either aſk or think:* — Adding, *I never turned my Back upon an Informer, nor ever wronged any Man of one Half-penny in all my Life to my Knowledge.* Then he adviſed his Children to be careful, and ſaid to them, *Do no Harm either to Man or Beaſt; but do Good where-ever you come, as I have ſhewed you an Example.* He was a good Neighbour, an honeſt Friend, a loving Huſband, a tender Father, a Man given to Hoſpitality, and careful to entertain Strangers: And the Lord was with him when on a ſick Bed, and his Heart was tendered with a Senſe and Feeling of his Love and Kindneſs. A Friend being by him, aſked him how he did, and how he was ſatisfied? He chearfully

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answered, *I am very well satisfied that all will be well, for I find the Lord's Mercies are great.* But, said he, *I am in great Pain, and think the Time long till I am released.* Adding to the Friend, *We have seen much since we were convinced: We have gone to the Meeting in true Humility, Fear and Plainness: And Truth is what it was, and all that keep faithful to it, will be kept by it out of all Evil.* — *I am glad to see my Son settled, and I doubt not but he will stand up in my Place; I advise him to be a good Neighbour.* This antient Friend, being in great Affliction of Body, often prayed to the Lord Jesus, *that he would remember him, and take him to his Mercy, that he might be eased of his Pains and this troublesome World*; he kept his Integrity to the End, and it's not to be doubted but he finished in Peace. And his Corpse being attended by many Friends and other People to *Eaglesfield*, was there honourably interred, and the Lord's Power was manifest among them, and the Way of Life and Salvation proclaimed, with a Warning to all to repent of their Wickedness, and turn to the Lord, that they might be prepared for their last Change.

Stephen

Stephen Manning, Son of *Edward* and *Alice Manning*, of *Edmondsbury* in the County of *Suffolk*, was educated in the Way of Truth, and was from a Child of an innocent and upright Life, zealous and constant in attending religious Meetings, and went several Miles to them on foot, and was a diligent Waiter upon the Lord therein, and received much Benefit thereby, in having his Understanding enlarged, his Strength renewed, and his Heart filled with the Love of God, who was pleased to put him into the Ministry, and caused him to declare his everlasting Truth, and to exhort the Lord's People in Faithfulness to persevere in the Way of the Lord, and to be diligent to wait on God, that they might live in and enjoy what they were convinced of. He was also zealously concerned to caution against Pride and Covetousness, and Superfluity in Apparel, and to beware of those Sins, and the various Workings of the Enemy.

He was a meek steady Man, and lived in what he preached, being exemplary in his Conversation, as became his holy Profession.

He was also concerned that the Orphans of poor Friends should be taken Care of, and educated in Sobriety and in the Way of Truth. And being sensible that in some Places there was too much Neglect, he wrote an Epistle to Friends on that Account, which Friends were well affected with, and read in the Meetings which they had for that and other Concerns, as the taking Care of the Poor, *&c.*

He travell'd into divers neighbouring Counties, as *Essex*, *Norfolk*, to *London*, and other Places, and his Labour of Love was well received: But growing very ill and weak, he was unable for such Journies, and in his bodily Weakness travell'd and visited Friends in their Meetings ten or eleven Miles about. And when he could not go so far, he attended the Meetings nearer, till he was so weakly he could not: Then many Friends came to visit him, to whom he declared Truth, and said, *I have desired to have a Name among the Righteous, and the Lord hath answered my Request; and I have served the Lord faithfully, and have the Answer of well done in my Bosom.*

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Several tender People, not called *Quakers*, came to ſee him, to whom he ſaid, *It's well with me, and the Lord will carry me through to my deſired Place,*— and ſaid, *It's a brave Thing to have a Conſcience void of Offence towards God and Men: There is Heaven upon Earth.*

He was a Man of few Words, but ſavoury; he had great Love and large Bowels of Compaſſion towards thoſe that had any good Deſires in them, and was tender to thoſe whom the Enemy, by his Subtilty and their Unwatchfulneſs, had drawn aſide out of the right Way; and did often exhort, that they and all might *labour to have a Poſſeſſion in the Truth*, and ſaid, *a Profeſſion thereof only will not do.*

He bore his Illneſs with great Patience, to the Admiration of thoſe who came to viſit him: He was truly reſigned to the Will of the Lord, whether in Life or Death. He acknowledged his dear and tender Father and Mother's Care over him, and his Brothers and Siſter's Love, alſo Friends and Neighbours that came to viſit him, and ſaid to them, *My Peace is made: I have nothing to do but to wait for my*

Change, which I long for. I have ſerved the Lord to my uttermoſt, and am ſure of an Inheritance with him, who is worthy to be ſerved: He is a good Rewarder.——

After a Meeting ſeveral Friends came to ſee him, and one Friend ſpoke to him of *Hopton* Journey, after which he was taken ill; he ſaid, *I cannot tell but it might weaken me; but I don't repent, it being in the Service of Truth.*——

He exhorted Friends to Love and Unity among Brethren, which he delighted in, and ſaid, *There was a Spirit getting in among the Profeſſors of Truth, which ſought Diſcord; beware of it.* He alſo ſignified, *the Judgments of the Lord were come, and coming in this Nation,* and ſaid, *Do nothing whereby to cauſe the Lord to be grieved; but be faithful in all Things.*

Some Time before his Death, on a Firſt-day, one of his Brothers and Siſter ſitting by him, he ſpake ſeveral Things relating to Truth, and the Peace and Joy he felt; —*And one Thing,* ſaid he, *I know not, and that is, why the Lord ſo filled me with his Love this Morning, who account myſelf but as Duſt and Aſhes.* About

About three Days before his Departure he thought he had been going to his desired Place, and took his Leave of his Parents and Relations, and bid them *Farewel; I hope I am going to an everlasting Habitation, where I shall dwell for ever with the Righteous Generation*; — More he then said, which could not be understood: His Lips going, his Brother endeavoured to hear, but could only understand these Words, *Innocency thou lovest, Lord.* — After he revived, and next Day, though his Voice was very low, he spoke several weighty Things, and said, *Dwell in Love, and live in Love.*

On the 3d Day of the Week, and 1st of the Third Month, he said, *I am extream ill; but I hope the Lord will shortly ease me*, and about the 6th Hour at Night he fell as it were into a Sleep, and lay near three Quarters of an Hour, and so passed away quietly; and a few Days after he was buried, being carried from *Bury* Meeting-house to Friends Burying-ground, accompanied by many Friends and others, and divers Testimonies were borne in Love to the Truth, that had made the Deceased what he was, and of their Satis-

faction he was gone to his everlasting Rest.

Aged 30 } Years.
A Minister 11 }

JOan Sley, late of *Alton* in *Hampshire*, was an honest, zealous and faithful Woman, one that loved our Lord Jesus Christ, his Ministers and faithful Followers, and was very diligent in meeting with the Lord's People, to worship and serve him, whatever Loss or Suffering she met with for the same, she neglected not that Service; and as she diligently sought the Lord, he rewarded her, renewed her Strength, encreased her Love and Zeal for the Truth, and preserved her in his Fear to a good old Age: and he endued her so with his Wisdom, that she thereby was directed to order her Conversation as became the holy Profession she made, and in that Plainness and Uprightness of Heart as becomes a Mother in spiritual *Israel*, whose Faith and Example is worthy to be followed, and she among the Righteous to be had in everlasting Remembrance.

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She was alſo very tender and charitable to the Poor, and forgot not to do Good and communicate.

She was early convinc'd by that antient and eminent Miniſter *George Fox*, and being faithful unto the Lord, was zealouſly concerned to bear her Teſtimony for him, againſt whatever he ſhewed her to be contrary to Truth, and the Purity of it.

After her firſt Convincement ſhe met with Sufferings and Afflictions from her own Huſband for a Time, and afterwards from others in her own Houſe; for, after her Huſband's Death, ſhe kept the *Crown* Inn in *Alton* about 46 Years. She was faithful in her Teſtimony relating to Truth, and zealous in her own Houſe againſt all manner of Exceſs: All which gained her a good Report.

In the Time of her Illneſs and near her End, ſhe commemorated the Dealings of the Lord with her, and how he had been on her Side, and ſtood by her in the many great Dangers and Sufferings ſhe had gone through, in bearing her Teſtimony among the Soldiers and rude Perſons that ſometimes were in her Houſe.

To the last she was lively in her Spirit, and the Lord was indeed wonderful good to her, and carried her through all her Trials, and the Temptations and Provocations of the Enemy, both within and without that attended her.

She had her Memory and Understanding to the End, though in the 84th Year of her Age, and was concerned for the Prosperity of Truth to the last, saying, *If it be the Lord's Will, I desire he may extend to the young Generation a fresh Visitation: For* (said she) *nothing short of a holy Life and godly Conversation will do.*

She advised the Youth to read the Holy Scriptures, and particularly the last Chapter of *Joshua*, that all might serve the Lord in Sincerity and Truth, which she had done, and had the Comfort thereof in her dying Hour, which was in Peace with God.

And as she was well beloved in her Life, so when she was dead, her Body was attended by a great many Friends and Neighbours, and interr'd at *Alton*.

MAry *Dickinson*, Daughter of *Daniel Dickinson*, of *Plumland* in *Cumberland*, departed this Life the 25th of the

the Eleventh Month, in the 14th Year of her Age; of whom take the Account following.

She was naturally of a chearful Disposition, but well inclin'd to what was good; patient under what she met with from any that was not pleasing to her, not apt to be provoked.

The Lord was pleased to give her an Understanding of his divine Truth, and so affected her Heart with Love to it, that when he was pleased to visit her with that Sickness, of which she died in about fourteen Days after, she was very patient and resign'd to the Will of the Lord.

Her Father, some Days before her Departure, asked her, *Whether she had rather die than live?* She answered readily, *She had rather die, because she hoped a better Place was prepared for her*; and the same Question being put to her another Day, she gave the same Answer. With Brokenness of Heart she often prayed unto the Lord.

The Day she departed, her Mother being by her, said, *Wait with Patience, the Lord will not tarry long.* Then this young Virgin, being broken in Spirit

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in much Tenderneſs, with a heavenly Harmony ſung Praiſes to the Lord, and uttered many divine Sayings, and cry'd unto the Lord, ſaying, *O Lord! I pray thee remember me this Day, and open a Door of Mercy for me, and take me to thyſelf: Lord, have Mercy upon my poor Soul this Day, and open to me this Day, I beſeech thee; for there is none like unto thee; no, not one.* Then ſpeaking to thoſe by her, ſaid, *Fear God, and love him, and keep his Commandments all of you; and be merciful to the Poor, I beſeech you all that bear me.*—After, her Father aſked her, *If ſhe had any Pain?* She anſwer'd, *My Pain is taken away.*—Again, her Father ſaid to her, *Doſt thou know, my Child, that the Lord hath prepared a Place for thee?* She anſwer'd, *Yes: And not for me only, but for all thoſe that love and fear him, and keep his Commandments.* About an Hour before her Death, ſhe being tendered in Spirit, and melted as Wax before the Fire, aſked for a Bible; which being given unto her, ſhe readily turned unto the 8th Chapter of *Geneſis*, and diſtinctly read it, then covering herſelf, ſweetly died without either Sigh or Groan.

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